



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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Pared spending, added millage in the cards

County government wallowing in red ink

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Crawford County government is drowning in red ink and must reduce spending by \$800,000 in the next six months.

Millage votes also may be in the cards.

The County Commission, along with department heads, learned the bad news Feb. 26 from county auditors.

In a somber presentation, Auditor Marvin H. Anderson delivered his general comments regarding the state of the county's finances.

Anderson's accounting firm -- Anderson, Tackman & Company --

has just concluded auditing the county's books. The firm specializes in governmental services.

"In Michigan," Anderson said, "expenditures cannot legally exceed current revenues, transfers and available fund balance in any given fund. The main task to assign yourselves, therefore, is budgetary control. With one half of the year over, even if you could pass an operating millage to cover the deficit, you must cut expenditures by nearly \$800,000."

County officials appeared stunned, as the amount was nearly double what had been anticipated by most departments. Most had

expected a roughly 10 percent cut, but the \$800,000 means more like a 20-25 percent cut to most departments.

Total proposed expenses for the 1998 fiscal year, which began on Sep. 30, 1997, are \$5,151,329 against anticipated revenues of \$4,758,108.

The difference appears to be an overall shortfall of \$393,221, but a one-time transfer of funds has been made to cover former deficits, and "your available fund balances and reserves are now zero. With no immediate plan for contingencies, your options are limited," Anderson said.

The county in past years has used or borrowed against delinquent taxes to produce the funds necessary to cover daily operating expenses. This is no longer the case. When the state's 1993 Revenue Tax Act took effect, county and township governments were never allowed to cover rising costs. Property taxes were capped by Proposition A, despite inflation.

"The schools were funded under Proposition A with a sales tax," reminded Board Chair John Hartman, "but we can no longer expect to deliver the services the public expects with limited funds."

Even the passage of an operating millage would not yield sufficient dollars to cover the impending deficit until Dec. — which would be, at that late date, three months into the next budget year.

"We are, quite frankly, caught in a budget crunch," Hartman said. "But, we're here today to give each department head the option of making adjustments to their own budgets. We hope to do this together, but if we have to cut deeper and make the hard decisions, then that will have to happen. We no longer have the funds to keep up with the demands upon county government to deliver services."

The hardest hit with budget cuts might be the county road patrol, and all marine and off-road vehicle patrols. These are funded by grants of \$43,000 in state and federal funds, but total cost to the Crawford

taxpayer is \$139,000.

Another department not considered to be a "state mandated service" is the 911 emergency dispatch system. It receives some operating millage which does not cover the cost of manning the system 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Another possible target is the animal control budget, which could be eliminated.

The potential hit-list can go on and on, and probably will.

be added fringe benefits, payroll taxes, and employee insurance costs of \$810,469, or 57.36 percent of the county's budget.

An expense to revenue to shortfall schedule delivered by Anderson showed, in declining order, which departments do and do not or cannot carry their own financial weight within county government.

Anderson recommended that the county cut back to state mandated services only, and suggested that

revenues could be increased through an increased operating millage, specific purpose operating millages for road patrol or 911, and specific charges for services performed by county departments.

He suggested spending could be reduced by specific line item reduction or elimination, discontinuing services not statutorily mandated, and contracting with or sharing arrangements with other local governments.

The final potential to reduce costs, Anderson said, was across the board reductions "pegged to levels of

service provided by personnel — shortening hours of service."

County departments were given one week to review, pare and represent their budget requirements for the rest of the year.

April 1 begins the final half of the budget year, and adoption of a budget within the next few weeks is mandatory.



Solemn moment

Just before each home basketball game begins, members of the Grayling High School Varsity basketball team huddle in the spotlight, awaiting the opening introduction of players. It provides a solemn moment in a usually boisterous evening. For detailed information about Tournament play, turn to Page B-1, and *Avalanche* sports pages. Photo by Linda Golnick.

Deadline to apply at hand

Drug Task Force grants available

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The Crawford AuSable School District Drug Free Community Task

Force has been meeting to find ways to create a drug free environment for district schools.

One way the Task Force hopes to

achieve its goals is through grants.

The Task Force will award small grants to organizations, to help create, define, and implement special programs to meet certain criteria. The programs must be well supervised and focus on any school age or grade grouping of students.

Funding must be completed by Sept. 13, 1998, and programs will be monitored by the school district and the Task Force.

Applications must cover several points:

- 1) Description of target population and number expected to serve.
- 2) Management and staffing anticipated.
- 3) Evaluation of program effectiveness and results expected.
- 4) Plans for continuation if grant program is extended.
- 5) Organization's mission and goals to help youth.
- 6) Program budget needs and projected use.

Applications may be picked up at the office of Peter Ingvarsson, State and Federal Programs Facilitator, 403 Michigan Ave., Grayling, 49738 Phone: (517) 348-7641 X526 - FAX (517) 348-6822

Completed forms are due Friday, May 13 at 3:30 p.m. in the Crawford AuSable School District Central Office. Awards will be announced March 18.

Annual Tax Sale

Properties with delinquent taxes will be offered for sale. Complete Crawford County listing on Pages 8-9-10 in Section B.

Canterbury Court area may be convenient for drug users

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department received three calls within the past week from concerned citizens in the area of Canterbury Court and Evergreen Road.

Residents have reported suspicious vehicles parked in the area.

Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield stated that by the time a patrol unit would reach the scene, the vehicle had departed.

Upon investigation of the scene, officers have reported finding possi-

ble drugs and drug use related items. Wakefield remarked that the area seems to be secluded enough that people may be using it to smoke marijuana or use other illegal substances without being caught.

The sheriff's patrol officers will keep a look-out for suspicious activity in that area, now that a pattern seems to be developing.

Wakefield encourages residents in the Canterbury Court area to continue reporting any suspicious situations to the sheriff's office.

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Hawk Hill Farm holds Spring Warm-Up Clinic



APACHE RISING — Denise DeVolder, right, and her horse, Apache, listen to NBHA Instructor Marjie Henley, left, as she explains Basic English equipment application.

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Staff Writer

Youth from all over northern Michigan gathered on March 1 at Hawk Hill Farm to learn the fine points of horsemanship and riding techniques in preparation for spring competition.

Instructing the kids was Marjie Henley and Geri Olson, both district instructors and judges for the National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA). Olson is also the owner of Hawk Hill Farm.

The day-long event included demonstrations by experienced riders in Halter, English, Western Pleasure, Polo and Barrel racing. During instruction of basic English equitation, Henley explained the importance of neck, posture, eye contact with the judges and proper riding equipment.

Barrel racers Daryl Scales and Amanda Love demonstrated the speed and accuracy of guiding their horses around the barrels in a cloverleaf formation.

Hawk Hill Farm will be holding its Open Pleasure and Speed Horse Show on Saturday, April 18, beginning at 10 a.m., rain or shine.

Ribbons will be awarded for first through sixth places in 34 categories of riding styles and age groups.

Entry fees are \$6 for adults, \$4 for youths, \$4 for Halter and \$1 office fee per horse. Food and beverages will be available.

Hawk Hill Farm also offers group horseback riding and individual lessons.

For further information call Hawk Hill Farm at 348-9037.

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
NOTICE OF NEGOTIATED SALE OF SURPLUS LANDS
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2133, Part 21, Subpart 10 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to sell the following State-owned land or rights in land by way of public auction:

Fractional NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, T25N, R3W, Section 31, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County.

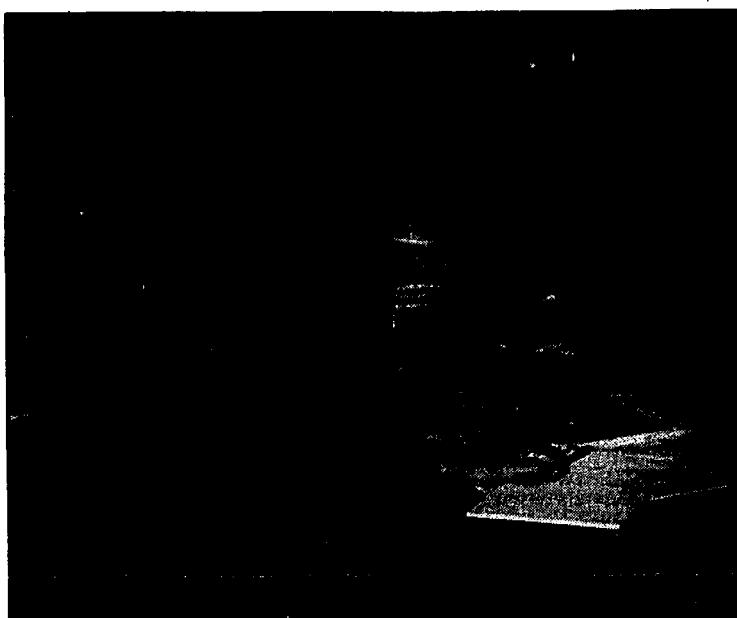
The proposed sale of this land or rights in land is being placed on the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Agenda for public comment prior to being approved by the DNR Director. The next meeting of the Natural Resources Commission is scheduled at the following date, time and location:

March 11, 1998
4:30 p.m.
Lincoln Room, Kellogg Center
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Public appearances before NRC will begin at 4:30 P.M. and may be scheduled by calling Ms. Theresa Gloden, NRC Secretary, at 517-373-2352.

The complete list of negotiated sales proposed by the Department is available by contacting Mr. Robert L. Couvreur, Real Estate Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Phone (517) 335-3259.

PLEASE NOTE: This notice is not a solicitation for bids. Details of any forthcoming auction will be released at a later date.



School bus hits pedestrian on M-72

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Staff Writer

A Crawford AuSable District School bus struck a pedestrian William Gildner, Jr., 37, of Grayling walking on M-72 in the early morning darkness of Feb. 26.

According to a report from Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely, the accident occurred around 6:51 a.m., about 1.5 miles west of Old Dam Road on westbound M-72.

School bus driver Tammy Fox, 35 of Grayling, told investigating officer, Paul Smith, that she saw a dark, large object step towards the side of the bus.

Fox cut the bus steering wheel to the left and pulled to the shoulder of the road, then notified the sheriff's department and school authorities of the mishap.

The sheriff's report reveals that Gildner was wearing non-reflective, dark clothing.

Gildner indicated to the investigating officer that he was walking with the flow of traffic in the westbound lane, unaware of passing vehicles, when he was struck by the side mirror on the westbound school bus.

A North Flight ambulance was dispatched to the scene, but Gildner refused treatment and transportation to Grayling Mercy Hospital.

School Superintendent Kent Reynolds went to the scene to see if he could be of assistance. Upon his arrival he found Gildner was walking around with "no apparent limp".

Bus Dispatcher Bob Vollmer was also on-scene and gave Gildner a ride to work.

Later that day, Gildner went to Grayling Mercy Hospital because he wasn't feeling well.

"I was struck in the left side of my head by the school bus mirror. I don't know how I injured my foot. I

just know that somehow I ended up in the ditch," remarked Gildner.

While at the hospital, Gildner received head x-rays and had his right foot examined by emergency room staff. Gildner stated that the x-rays showed no broken bones, but he is suffering from, what he calls, "bad headaches".

Gildner has contacted the law firm of Jay Trucks & Associates to see if he can have any medical bills, resulting from the accident, paid for by the school district.

Returning to his job as a self-employed carpenter may take some time. Gildner said that he is unable to climb ladders and perform other customary carpentry work while his foot is sore and the headaches keep reoccurring.

Investigation of the accident is now closed, according to the sheriff's report.

'Caught in the Act' Positive Parenting

March is Parenting Awareness Month. During the month of March the Crawford County 4-H Office will have volunteer "spotters" recruited to watch for positive parenting in public places such as stores, school events, restaurants and recreational activities. On observing the behavior, the volunteer introduces themselves and tells the parent (sibling, baby-sitter, grandparent, etc.), that they are a spotter for the "Caught in the Act of Positive Parenting" Campaign. The volunteer will then tell the Parent(s) what it is they did well and they will give them a magnet and a "Parent Handbook."

Parenting is the most important job there is. This campaign celebrates the people who raise children. 4-H hopes to promote this by "Caught in the Act," so keep up the good work and you may be "spotted."

NEW SECRETARY -- Louanne Leonard has assumed her new position as Executive Secretary for the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. Photo by Shirley Schmoock

Commissioners hire secretary away from County Clerk office

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

With little more than a stroke of the pen, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners took from Peter to pay Paul.

To handle their own internal affairs, they hired Louanne Leonard, confidential secretary to Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds, to assume all secretarial duties of that board.

By union contract, only two such positions can be made available. The prosecutor has one and the Clerk/Register has had the other. What has been difficult to sort out is what duties will travel on with Ms. Leonard, and which must be retained with the Clerk's office.

Commissioner Lynnette Corlew wanted the position explained further.

"As Secretary to the Board, what will she do?" Corlew asked. "If we're leaving the Clerk's office in the lurch and giving her no placement, then that should really be spelled out here."

Commissioner Robert Smock, Labor and Personnel committee chair, said Leonard would do much what she's already doing.

"She would continue to prepare the agenda and board packets for meetings, handle communications and mail, coordinate meetings and just about everything else we need done," Smock said.

"We need somebody full time without going through an elected official (Clerk Sandra Moore) and trying to get her to make time for us."

Commission Chair John Hartman said "I hope this move will be of assistance to the Clerk's office."

The Clerk/Register of Deeds by law must attend all Commission meetings and special work sessions to record minutes. She must also oversee matters in the Circuit Court, the Family Court, and said she thinks the employee shift "will be detrimental to the work ongoing in my office," being replaced with that one.

Commissioner Kathy Black was the only vote against moving Ms. Leonard's job from the clerk to the Board Clerk's office. Leonard's position is effective immediately, and her office is to remain where it currently is — adjacent to the Clerk/Register of Deeds in the Crawford County Governmental Office Building in Grayling.

Reward offered for missing CDs

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Staff Writer

A black notebook-style compact disc (CD) case, with the words "case-it" imprinted in the lower right corner and containing a collection of 35 CDs belonging to Ashlea Mitchell, has been missing from a classroom at the Grayling Middle School (GMS) since the last week in January.

A \$50 reward is being offered for the return of the collection.

The missing CDs are not connected with the recent break-in at GMS, which happened about two weeks after this incident.

Ashlea's mother, Sharon Mitchell said that she was a little hesitant about allowing her daughter to take the CDs to school, but allowed her to do so because she trusted her.

Ashlea said that another student asked her if she could look at the CDs for a while and give them back to her later. Ashlea agreed.

At the end of the school day, according to Mrs. Mitchell, the student who borrowed the CDs told Ashlea that she left the case under her desk and didn't have time to go

back and get it before her bus left the school.

Ashlea didn't have time to go back into the school, either, so she decided that she would just get the CDs the next day.

They were gone the next morning.

Mrs. Mitchell filed a report with the Grayling Police and is hopeful that someone knows the whereabouts of the CDs.

No questions will be asked if the CDs are returned, even though, as Mrs. Mitchell pointed out, "This is a case of larceny."

As a mother, Mrs. Mitchell said that she's hoping that parents, grandparents, teachers and other students will take notice if someone has some CDs that they didn't have before, or had no means to buy, and will come forward.

Along with the case, here is list of the missing CDs:

- *Backstreet Boys - single
- *Backstreet Boys - whole CD
- *Boyz II Men - Motown Philly
- *Boyz II Men - II
- *Mariah Carey - Music Box
- *Mariah Carey - Butterfly
- *All 4 One - When the Music Speaks
- *All 4 One - All Done
- *Jock Jams - Volume 2
- *Club Mix '97 - CD 1
- *MTV Party to Go - 1997
- *MTV Party to Go - 1998
- *Dirty Dancing - original sound-

track

- *Blackstreet - title unknown
- *100% Dance Party - Volume 3
- *Waiting to Exhale - soundtrack
- *Space Jam - soundtrack
- *Babyface - The Day
- *Leann Rimes - You Light Up My Life
- *Elton John - Tribute to Princess Dianna
- *The Bodyguard - original soundtrack
- *The Royal Philharmonic - The Sampler
- *Nuttty Professor - soundtrack
- *No Doubt - Tragic Kingdom
- *Selena - soundtrack
- *Clint Black - Hypnotize the Moon
- *Simpsons - soundtrack
- *Warren G - Take a Look Over Your Shoulder
- *Weird Al Yankovich - Bad Hair Day
- *Celine Dion - Because You Loved Me
- *Celine Dion - her latest album
- *Michael Jackson - You Are Not Alone (single)

There are also three Disney soundtracks missing that are irreplaceable, bringing the total to 35, valued at approximately \$560.

If you have any information concerning the whereabouts of these CDs, please contact Sharon Mitchell at 348-2488 or the Grayling Police.

Northern Michigan local road budgets increased

The 1998 budget for Northern Michigan local roads has been raised more than \$12 million over last year's allotted funds. The Michigan Department of Transportation reported that the budget for county, city and village roads has been increased by 19 percent.

Crawford County has seen a budget increase of \$359,569 over its 1997

total. Kalkaska, Otsego and Roscommon county budgets have been increased by more than \$450,000 and Oscoda county received a \$322,378 raise.

"Whether you're driving on the interstate system, a county road or a city street, this dramatic increase in available funds should lead to noticeable improvements during this year's very busy construction season," said Michigan Department of Transportation Director Jim DeSana.

Director DeSana cited three monetary sources that led to the local road budget increases. The *Build Michigan II* plan brought about an 11 percent permanent funding increase for local roads by raising the state gasoline tax and increasing commercial truck fees. Additional funding came from the Budget Stabilization Fund and the Comprehensive Transportation Fund.

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United Way 1997 Goal - \$80,000

The Crawford County United Way has set its goal for 1997 at \$80,000.

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Grayling, MI 49738

St. John Lutheran Church to install new pastor

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

When Pastor Robert L. Faber is installed on March 8, at St. John Lutheran Church in Grayling, he will end a long five years for the congregation.

Ida Stockmeyer, church secretary for St. John, said "actually, it's been over five years we've been without a pastor. We've had interns come — they're all juniors at the seminary, which is Trinity Lutheran of Columbus, Ohio, and they've held services."

"We've had five of them. August to August," she explained. "They come, then must return to the seminary for their senior year."

Serving parishes is part of their official training, but St. John of Grayling has been without an official pastor, so the interns remained — more or less — under the wing of Ms. Stockmeyer and the elders of the church. Ms. Stockmeyer is formerly of Reese, where she served Christ Lutheran as church secretary.

District Health Department announces March clinics

The District Health Department has scheduled clinics for March of 1998 at the Grayling office. Appointments are necessary for all clinics.

Immunization clinics will take place on March 4, 9, 18, and 23.

Prenatal class is on March 10.

There will be family planning clinics on March 6, 10, and 24.

On March 20 a WIC-Fredric Satellite Clinic is scheduled. WIC's Supplemental Food Program to help pregnant women, infants and children is slated for March 9, 18, 23, and 26.

Confidential HIV/AIDS testing will be March 4 and 19.

Maternal Support Service for Pregnant Women is available all month.

Call 348-7800 for information on any clinic, information regarding Environmental Health Services, or to set up an appointment.

Incoming Pastor Robert L. Faber and wife, Chris, are from Keokuk, Iowa. Pastor Faber served in the United States and Canada at a variety of occupations. His wife is Canadian, and the couple have three adult children: Kirk, Erika, and Kristian.

Pastor Faber did his graduate work at Wartburg Luther Seminary in Iowa where he earned a Master of Divinity. He was ordained in 1993 and served his internship at St. Johns in Bloomer, Wis.

As he becomes spiritual leader of St. John Lutheran of Grayling, he will join a long, distinguished line of clergy. Rev. Lilles was its first leader, followed by Rev. Kildegaard (1905-14), then Rev. Peder Kjolhede for 23 years. Kjolhede baptized 169 children, confirmed 93 young people, and married 39 couples.

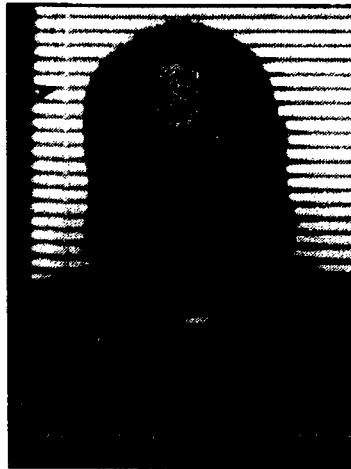
Prior to official organization of a church in 1892, the early Scandinavian settlers, mainly of Danish blood, used the Methodist and Presbyterian churches to hold services. Visiting pastors came from Bay City and elsewhere to perform weddings and baptisms.

Then early in 1892, Mrs. Nels Mickelson, Mrs. Rasmus Hanson and Mrs. J. K. Hanson obtained building lots, promises of funds, and names of all the Scandinavian families in the area. By early 1893, the constitution and by-laws had been drawn and adopted and the church was built that same spring.

Nels Peter Olson — great-grandfather of George, Anemari, and Arnold Stancil of Grayling — gave the bell to the congregation.

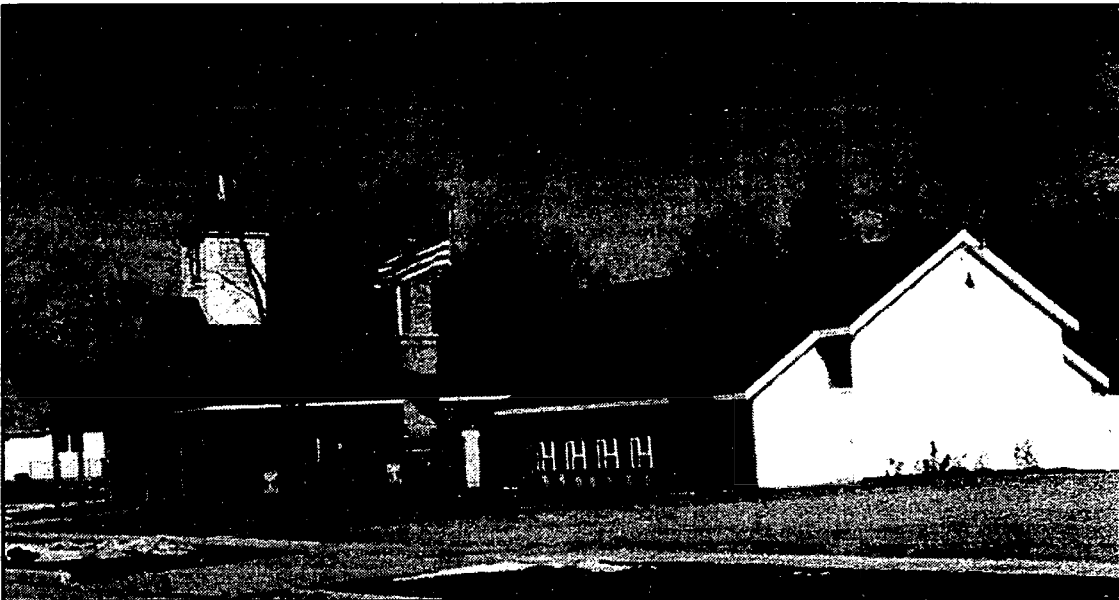
"And we're the only church in Grayling to have our own bell," said Ms. Stockmeyer proudly.

Installation services for Pastor



Pastor Robert L. Faber

Faber will be held March 8 at 2:30 p.m. A reception of welcome will follow the ceremony, and members of the North Western Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) preside over the installation.



LONG WAIT IS OVER -- St. John Lutheran Church, located on Spruce Street, will install a new pastor on March 8 at 2:30 p.m., with a reception to follow. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

C.O.O.R. has three board seats

The C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District Board of Education will have three seats on the ballots this spring.

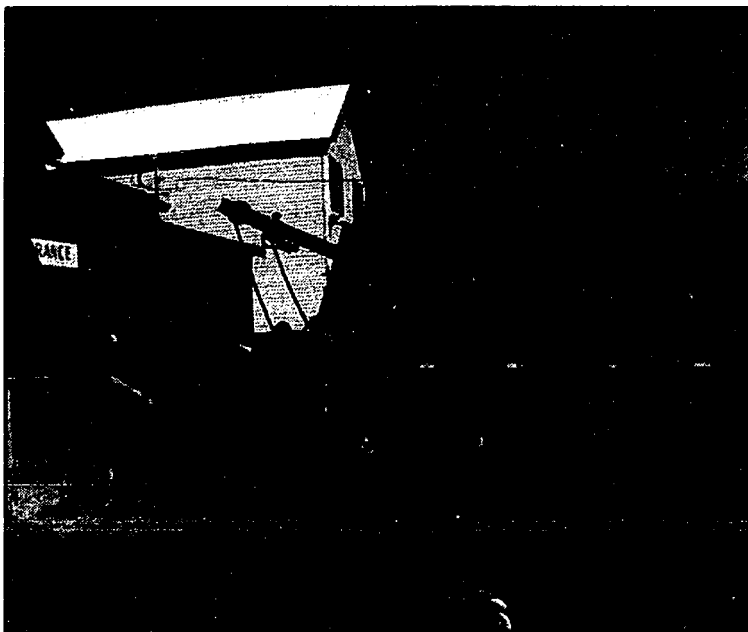
Expiring this year are the terms of

Roderick Martin of Houghton Lake, and Larry Roggow of Mio. Each is a six-year term. The third slot is a four-year seat currently held by Berandine Dosch of Grayling. Dosch was appointed upon the resignation of former board member Peggy Raddatz.

By law, an appointment is valid only until the next election, when a candidate will be chosen by ballot to fulfill the remainder of the term. Raddatz was elected in 1996 for a six-year term.

The seats are open to residents of Gerrish-Higgins, Houghton Lake, West Branch-Rose City, Mio AuSable, Fairview and Crawford-AuSable school districts.

Election day is June 8, 1998. Nominating petitions are available at the C.O.O.R. office, 11051 N. Cut Road, Roscommon. Completed petitions, containing a minimum of 160 signatures or registered voters in the C.O.O.R. area, must be returned to the C.O.O.R. superintendent no later than 4 p.m. Monday, April 6, 1998. Additional information can be had by calling (517) 275-5137, Ext. 238 or 220.



GREASY BUSINESS -- A grease bin from the Sawmill is carefully emptied into this recycling truck by Bob Bloomfield of Kruger Commodities. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

Reporter finds her stories in the strangest activities

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

What's that guy doing with that strange rig?

"Collecting used grease," said Pat Merrill, Crawford County's environmental monitor.

To prove there's a story in nearly everything, we went to observe the man, his huge, and apparently specialized grease-collecting equipment, and the object of his attention — a grease bin located behind the Sawmill Bar.

Bob Bloomfield, a driver for Kruger Commodities of Hamilton, efficiently dispatched the lid of the bin and said he was "getting ready to pick up a load." The hydraulics of the truck did most of the work, and as the bin rose high in the air, it settled "in a vat of hot water to loosen the grease from the bin."

Bloomfield's area supervisor was looking on, and said "Bob's one of the best we've got."

Used grease is collected from area restaurants, then taken to a rendering plant for cooking, squeezing, pressing and purification. It's sent

through a centrifuge where impurities are spun out, and the remainder is sold to cat and dog food companies.

Bob said "if you look on the side of your cat and dog food, the label will tell you that the product contains 11-12 percent reprocessed fat. This is where it comes from."

And, because a grease collecting story can only be so long, the last thing we find out is that collecting grease, according to Bob "is very competitive."

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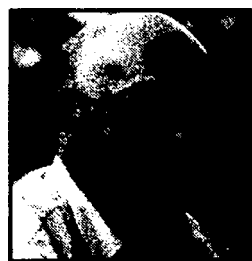
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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Megan's law wins court backing

MEGAN'S LAW — which bears that name because a seven-year-old girl named Megan was raped and killed in 1994 by a twice-convicted sex offender who lived across the street — has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The New Jersey law requires police agencies to go door to door to notify neighbors when a high-risk sexual offender moves into the neighborhood, according to an Associated press article on the decision.

It also requires released sex offenders to register with local authorities when moving into a community.

The challenge to New Jersey's Megan's Law and a similar law in New York state was pursued by several sex offenders claiming it violates the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees protection from being punished twice for the same crime.

In essence, they argued that they had served their time, and being singled out in the community where they want to live continues to penalize them.

Megan's Law thus is double punishment and unconstitutional, they contended.

Without explanatory comment,

the Supreme Court said "no" to these arguments, thus permitting Megan's Law to stand.

Michigan has a similar community protection law, as do 34 other states.

The legal battle is not over. The public defender who pushed the case against Megan's Law said he will try again, contending that it violates personal privacy rights, the AP reported.

The Supreme Court action applies only to the specific laws in New Jersey and New York, but backers of Megan's Law in other states figure it's a victory anyhow.

THE CONVICTED sex offenders who challenged the law have a point. Many sex offenders are reformed, and once released from prison pose little if any threat to anyone, including children.

But this point pales compared to the other side of that coin. Many offenders have not reformed, even after serving their prison sentences, undergoing counseling and therapy, and completing other steps toward rehabilitation.

The death of young Megan in New Jersey possibly could have been prevented, had her family

known of the neighbor's record.

If Megan's Law can save even one child from being violated or killed by a non-reformed sexual deviant, it's worth it.

Those sexual offenders who have served their court-imposed sentences, and who indeed have reformed their lives, simply will have to accept any inconvenience or harm to them from enforced community awareness as another part of their punishment.

Megan's Law is an application of the bedrock principle of government and community living, which commands the greater good for the greater number. It should be upheld.

RT also delivered another decision — not nearly as emotional as Megan's Law — but which also could have decided impact in homes and communities, too.

The Court ruled that credit unions must pull in their horns in enrolling members.

In the Depression year of 1934, Congress enacted a law permitting formation of credit unions, to provide certain financial services to members who had a common bond of some sort — usually workers in a single industry, or in a single plant

MEMORIES OF AN ANCIENT VIKING

by Alf Svensen

Did he put the cookie in or take it out?

It was my kids who suggested the "ancient" part - personally, I thought mature would be better. But one has to get along with one's kind, and I have three of them in the immediate vicinity so they outnumber me three to two!

The editorial staff of *The Avalanche* has given me permission to give you pieces of my mind for a limited trial-period - possibly limited by the number of pieces of wisdom my mind contains [my youngest quipped that it wouldn't take long before I'd run out]...bits of wisdom collected over the years.

As you can see from the picture, I have a few of them behind me — came to this country to study Naval Architecture and ships and that sort of thing... Go Blue! ... at a venerable institution down Ann Arbor way. My ancestral home is that small country way up in the frozen North in Europe - the one which took back more medals from the last Olympic Winter Games than lived in my home town. Well, not really - I hail from Oslo which really isn't a small town, but I'm sure you get the drift of my pride!

I was introduced to Grayling Town in the late 40s after the Big War. I was too young to be a war hero, so I left to make my mark on the World in other ways - which I no doubt will bring up later. I remember helping out in the Miss Grayling thing in '49 or was it '50. A fine festival - and Miss Grayling sat on a

throne carved out of a piece of solid Lake Margrethe. It was very plain that said womanhood was getting real cold where it counts, so it was my gentlemanly duty to offer her a cushion fashioned from my wool scarf, knitted with care by my sainted mother, folded nicely under her buns. Did the trick, it did. Now however, I think it's high time I get it back. You can't miss it - it's dark blue. Nearly four foot long, as I recall - with my initials nicely embroidered on one end. In white.

I have dragged my family all over the country as my employment dictated, but we always came back to Grampa and Grandma at the Lake. It's the place my kids call home although they have left their footprints from Connecticut to California with ample stops between. And I have surely caught my weight in pike and rockbass from the lake; today, I can close my eyes and see the depth-contours of the Lake though they're a bit hazy over by the Army Camp. I have motored over that body of water in the densest thule fog [which surely beats the worst San Francisco fog I've experienced], and I almost 'sawed' Grampa's boat in half the hard way - along the waterline - going after geese through thin [but razor sharp] ice. Never got any birds with my trusty Damascus 10-gauge, but I sure 'got it' when I returned with the boat .. water squirting from cuts in the hull at the bow. A naval architect ought to

know better'n that! Yeah - this is my home, too!

I have always liked to jump into the nearest verbal brawl where it concerned this country's politics, politicians, morality, under - and over-dogs and you name it. I am fiercely nationalistic - Hooray for the red, white and blue! Which, incidentally, are the Norwegian national colors, as well. Saw a Letter to the Editor in one of the latest *Avalanches* - [the] U.S. flag is not just a piece of cloth! Good letter, and right up my alley. Most Americans don't understand nationalism - and the sacred nature of our heritage. We have always had it, so we take it for granted. And people babble on about our freedom of speech and trample anything in their way to get it - and in the process, we desecrate our traditional freedoms to have it 'our' way. For the Supreme Court to our local gentry, we - well, I'm not above this despicable tendency although I am holier than most...at least, I hope I'm holier than someone - tend to measure everything in terms of legalities rather than the rights and wrongs that made this country what it is...great! And the term sacred cannot be found in a dictionary of legal terms - except in the sense that the legal profession has a sacred right to interpret the law. Apart from everyone else, of course.

This 'right' has infected the Executive Branch, as well - you probably wondered how long it would take me to get to this point? - where it seems that it matters little what one does as long as the outcome is good for the country in the near term! To hell [sorry] with morality and father-figures and role-models as long as the country can balance its budget or win a war. Or best of all, both. I think its time to clean up our act! Which is easy for me to say, of course, since I belong to a conservative wing of politics...to the right of Genghis Khan, if you must know... although even in our ranks, there are lambs straying from the fold. Don't the Supreme Beings in Washington understand the impact of their leadership...or lack thereof? Yes, we do care what the President does sexually [commenting on another Letter to the Ed.] Whether we like it or not,

or business, or those "in a well defined neighborhood, community or rural district."

In 1982, federal regulator — by new interpretation, not a change in law — greatly expanded eligibility for credit union membership.

Credit unions grew, and chased after new members who may have had a very tenuous connection, if any, to their originally stated purpose.

Banks cried foul. They claimed tax exempt status give credit unions unfair advantage in the battle to provide similar financial services.

The Supreme Court, by a 5-4 vote, agreed with banks.

Details haven't shaken out yet. At first blush however, it appears credit unions can keep present members, but will be restricted severely in accepting new ones. Congress may well get into the act, too.

The decision is probably right — at least by 1934 standards — but it may not be popular nor politic.

It may not last either.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Disclaimer

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not reflect the views of the Crawford County Avalanche.

EDITOR

Lake residents welcomed visitors in days gone past

To the editor,

Thanks, Pete Olson, for the letter regarding the fencing of the Lake Margrethe sidewalk.

I was more angry than "saddened", remembering the 55+ years our family enjoyed the walk, and remembering that homeowners who lived on the walk welcomed their

lake neighbors and enjoyed conversations with passers-by.

But, the fence is a very real reflection of the dramatic character difference between the fence-builder (who must have such an empty life) and Paul Thomson, who spent his own money to build a turn-around at the end of the walk for skaters and bicyclists.

Young writer apologizes for Middle School break-in

To the editor,

Residents of Crawford County:

I would like to apologize for the break-in at the Middle School on Feb. 15. I deeply regret what I have

done and I am sorry for my actions. I promise you all that this will never happen again and I hope I can be forgiven for what I did.

Lucas Cross,

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

Be smart about air bags

Q. I'm concerned about all the media coverage devoted to air bags that have seriously injured or killed children. Since my car has air bags and I have very young children, what is the best way to transport them in the car? Signed: Safety Conscious Mother

A. Air bags are extremely effective in saving adult lives in motor vehicle crashes when combined with lap and shoulder safety belts. Between 1986 and 1995, more than 1,100 lives were saved by air bags.

While air bags are effective in saving adult lives, research on the impact of passenger side air bags on children is not yet conclusive. Air bags have seriously injured and killed children who were unrestrained or improperly restrained. In addition, there are cases of children at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. who were properly restrained, but still sustained injuries from air bags.

The number of children injured by air bags is likely to increase proportionally as the number of air bag-equipped vehicles increases to meet federal mandates.

To help prevent air bag-related injuries and deaths to children, the National SAFE KIDS Campaign recommends the following safety tips:

- Never put an infant in the front passenger seat of a vehicle with a passenger side air bag. The back of a rear facing infant or convertible seat rests too close to the air bag module. Due to the considerable force with which an air bag deploys, close or direct contact with the air bag or its module may cause serious or fatal injuries to the infant.
- Properly restrain children in the

back seat whenever possible. This applies both to motor vehicles with and without passenger side air bags. Use the following guidelines:

- Use a rear-facing infant or convertible seat from birth until the child is 12 months and 20 pounds.

- Use a forward-facing convertible seat for a child from 12 months and 20 pounds to 4 years and/or 40 pounds.

- Use a car booster seat for children who weigh between approximately 40 and 60 pounds - usually between 4 and 8 years old.

- Use a lap/shoulder belt for those children who have outgrown booster seats. Ensure that the lap belt fits across the child's hips and does not ride up across the stomach. The shoulder belt should fit across the chest and not cross the face or neck.

- If parents or caregivers must put a child in the front seat (e.g. they have more than three children or there is no back seat) then:

- put the largest child in the front passenger seat,

- ensure that the child is properly restrained,

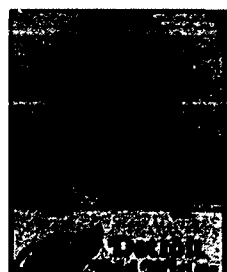
- move the vehicle seat as far back from the dashboard as possible.

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1, which serves Wexford, Kalkaska, Crawford and Missaukee counties. If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please send them to: Linda DeMarchis, M.A., or Carleen Hubbell, M.A., Health Educators, District Health Dept. No. 1, 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.

Betty asks...

Question of the week:

Do you think the Red Wings will win the Stanley Cup again this year?



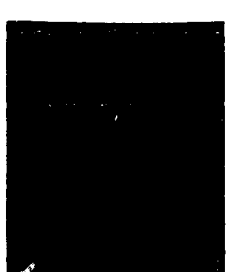
Al Harland
Grayling, MI
"I think they will win...In fact I'm sure of it...Go Red Wings!"



Jack Millikin
Grayling, MI
"I don't know."



Rene Mertes
Frederic, MI
"I don't know ... I think they will win."



Skip Madsen
Grayling, MI
"Yes, I do."

There you have it...So if they win, it will be the ice-ing on the cake!

Betty Pearl
Advertising Representative
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This week's question was asked Friday in the Grayling area.

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BRIEFS

Knight at the Crawford County Library

Christopher Knight, author of *St. Helena*, will be at the Crawford County Library March 9 at 1:30 p.m. Knight will have copies of his audio book for sale and to autograph. For more information call the Crawford County Library at 348-9214.

SHARE sign-up set at COA

SHARE sign-up is Monday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commission on Aging. Pick up will be at Reformed Latter Day Saints Church on Friday March 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a Easter Holiday Box available to order for \$15.

Welcome Wagon Newcomer Club to meet

The Grayling Welcome Wagon Newcomers Club will meet Monday, March 9, at 6 p.m. at the home of John and Rose Smith, 2191 Danish Landing Road, Grayling for the potluck supper. Kathy Prause will be presenting a program on gardening. For more information call Betty Mansfield at 348-8562 or Rose Smith at 348-5598.

Master Gardeners to meet

The Master Gardeners Society March meeting will be at the Lyon Township Hall at Higgins Lake on Monday, March 9 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The group will be "Planning a Garden." Come and help to actually develop a garden. Items such as sunlight, soil conditions and design will be considered. For additional information, call the President at (517) 275-5832.

Women's Outreach hosting Bible Study

Women's Outreach of Grayling Baptist Church will be doing a Bible Study titled "Lifestyle Witnessing for Women" Beginning March 13, 1998. This is an eight week study and it will be held at the home of Terrie Lockwood on Friday Mornings at 9 to 10:30 a.m. The Bible Study is non-denominational and all women are welcome regardless of their Church affiliation. For more information call 348-4395.

Benefit Spaghetti dinner set for March 21

Roger Weatherly benefit spaghetti dinner is set for March 21, 1998 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Grayling Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are \$5 each or \$15 per family. Tickets are available at the following locations: Chemical Bank North, Citizens Bank, A Cut Above, Charlie's Country Corners, Pizza Hut, and Northland Area Federal Credit Union. A silent auction will be held throughout the day. If anyone is interested in selling tickets or would like to donate Glen's Green Slips please contact Traci Nelson at Chemical Bank North (517) 348-6511.

Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

Grayling Lions Lucky 13 winner of the Ace drawing of \$100 is Ronny Thomson of Grayling.

Benefit dinner for cancer victim

A benefit spaghetti dinner, including an auction and band jamboree, is planned March 8, at the VFW Hall in Houghton Lake, from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. The proceeds will help Roscommon County resident, Lloyd "Rick" Stead, his wife and four children with living expenses after his brain cancer surgery.

The 40-year old carpenter is unable to return to work because surgery has left him with only 20 percent of his vision.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at Sunny Spot in Roscommon or at the Grayling Big Boy restaurant. Donations will also be accepted at these locations or call Darlene Stead-Smith at 275-5897.

Annual Pictionary Olympics to be held

The Grayling Promotional Association is sponsoring the Pictionary Olympics, to be held Friday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m., at the Grayling Knights of Columbus Hall, to benefit the 1998 AuSable River Festival Parade. Local businesses and organizations can sponsor a team of four players by paying a \$60 entry fee and contestants are asked to dress in a T-shirt representing their sponsor. Trophies and lots of publicity will be awarded to the winners.

Admission fee to the event is \$2 for those who wish to cheer on their favorite team. For an application or more information call Gerry VanSickle at 348-7631.

Local scholarships are available

Many local individuals, groups, and businesses have generously contributed college scholarships for Grayling High School seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 1998. The applications are available in the Grayling High School Counseling Office. The due date for many of these scholarships is March 27, 1998. The winners will be announced at Senior Honors Night which will be held on May 14, 1998. If you have any questions or if your group wishes to sponsor a scholarship please call the Counseling Office at 348-7641, extension 118.

Kirtland Garden Club to meet on 16th

Come and share your creative abilities with us this month. We will have our spring work bee. We will be making sun catchers. Bring a sandwich and cookies to share for lunch. The meeting will be March 16 at 9 a.m. at the Congregational Church of Roscommon. For more information call Barb at (517) 275-5832 or Jean at (517) 366-5169. A member of the Kirtland Warbler festival will come and tell us about this years' festival.

Craft show and bake sale set for March 7

Craft Show/Bake Sale sponsored by the Grayling American Legion Auxiliary at the Post Hall (back door) on Saturday, March 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (517) 348-1369 or 348-1228 for tables.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office reported: One forest fire, one criminal sexual conduct, three assaults, one burglary, two larceny, one Obstruct. Police, two public peace.

One Citation, 23 Health and Safety, four Miscellaneous crimes, one SkipNumb, four minors, 16 accidents, one non-traffic accident, two traffic safety PR.

Three false alarms, four inspection of vehicles, four civil/family trouble, eight suspicious situations, one suicide, six general assistance, and 11 general non-criminal.

For the week of Feb. 23 to March 2, 1998 the Crawford County Sheriff's Office received a total of 100 incidents reported.



SENSE OF SECURITY -- John "the carpenter" of Officeways, Inc. and Morris E. Cole, company president oversee installation of security partitions at the County Building. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

County Building security system is taking shape

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

As the Crawford County Commission and department heads hammered out details of a deficit budget problem for 1998, Michigan Officeways, Inc. of Charlevoix began hammering together a security system to wall off the Clerk/Treasurer's portion of the building. The safety issue in the building has been on the front burner for quite some time.

Morris Cole, president of Michigan Officeways, said "John (the carpenter) is erecting metal Dowcraft partitions, which will be fitted with sliding glass doors."

The company had researched the county building's security problems last fall, and won the contract to substantially separate the Clerk and

Treasurer's personnel from the public-at-large and from the noise and clamor usually found in the lobby during office hours.

"Some days the noise is unbearable," said Joe Wakeley, County Treasurer.

People stop at the Clerk's counter, visit, interrupt the work flow, and in general, seem to treat the entire area as the Information Department for county offices.

Court personnel, attorneys and clients group in the area, and strangers have access to the two departments.

"The security wall and door will put a stop to that," assured Cole, as he continued to read directions aloud to "John, the carpenter", who balanced on the ladder, screwed in the brackets but took time out for "just one picture."

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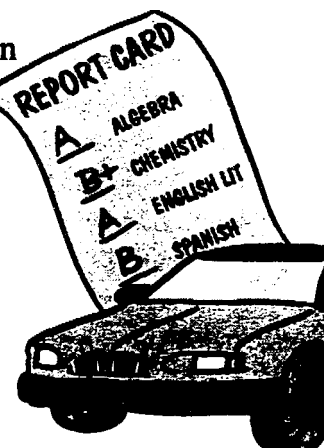
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THURS 5	• TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Mary Kay, 348-1398. • AUSABLE VALLEY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION meeting @ Graylin Holiday Inn, 7 pm • BEYOND THE GARDEN WALL CLUB meeting @ Michelson Memorial Church, 7 pm. For more information call 348-7905 • MERCY AMICARE HOSPICE SERVICES BEREAVEMENT support groups @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3 to 5 pm. For more info. call Mary Beth Detting, 1-800-424-1457 • MS PLAY CASTING • TRAVELOGUE "EASTERN & ORIENT EXPRESS" 7:30 pm Aud.
FRI 6	• MS PLAY CASTING • V VOLLEYBALL DISTRICTS
SAT 7	• DESSERT CONCERT "Encore Society of Music" 8pm Aud.
SUN 8	• ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 9	• KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. • WELCOME WAGON newcomers meeting @ Mercy Hospital, 6 pm. Call Betty Mansfield or Rose Smith, 348-5598 for more info. • EARLY DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS beginning with HS @ 12:16
TUES 10	• GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. • AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Citizens Bank, 1 pm • V & JV BBB REGIONALS • CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL meeting @ Mercy Hospital, private dining room, 12 noon
WED 11	• ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. • WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. • LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. • PROJECT GRADUATION MEETING @ HS 7 pm

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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Joy

Christians should be filled with God's joy every day of their lives! (Philippians 4:4) "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." (1 Thessalonians 5:16) "Rejoice evermore." (Psalms 118:24) "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

Being joyful is an Old Testament command for saints also. (Psalms 32:11) Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart." (Psalms 5:11) "But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee." (Psalms 40:16) "Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified."

Being joyful comes naturally to those who know the love of Jesus Christ unto salvation. (1 Peter 1:8) "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." (Isaiah 12:3) "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." (Habakkuk 3:18) "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

(Romans 5:11) "And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement." Even the angels of Heaven rejoice at the salvation of souls. (Luke 15:7) "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

God's promises in the Holy Scriptures enable us to rejoice. (1 John 1:4) "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." (John 15:11) "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." As individuals we find joy through forgiveness of sins and answered prayer." (Psalms 51:12) "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy freespirt." (John 16:24) "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. As a nation we need to heed God's word and seek God's face for the joy of spiritual revival. (Psalms 85:6) "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?"

The greatest joy in which we now hope is for the soon return of Jesus Christ to reward His servants. (Matthew 25:23)

"His Lord unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." This joy is anticipated even while we wait for Him. (Jude 1:24) "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." Therefore, we should keep our eyes of faith uplifted toward Heaven: (Hebrews 12:2) "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Happiness is often temporal and fleeting. Only divine joy transcends time and space.

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263>

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Spiritual mid-wife to lead Grayling retreat

Joyce Rupp's community retreat in Grayling Wednesday, March 18 is gaining wide recognition around the State of Michigan and registrations are pouring in to Mercy Hospital. If you plan on attending it's a good idea to register now because space is limited.

The retreat is a must for anyone interested in spiritual growth. Focus of the retreat will coincide with Rupp's newest book, "The Cup of Our Life." Valuable insights will be offered for those in pain, along with remedies and promises of life's journey. Think of the day as a gift to pray with others on their own spiritual journey.

Weaving through the entire book is the symbolism of a cup. Divided into six sections, each is designed for a week of prayer, reflection and if you wish, sharing. The weeks are cup of life, open cup, chipped cup, broken

cup, cup of compassion and the blessing cup. Each retreat participant is asked to bring a favorite cup and journal.

Rupp's creative insights offer freedom and enhancement of relationships. The international author, speaker and retreat leader will be

presenting "The Cup of Our Life" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Family Center in Grayling. The event is sponsored by Mercy Health Services North and The St. Mary's Health Ministry. To register call Mercy Healthline at 1-800-33-MERCY.

Habitat for Humanity to begin new home project in Grayling

The Crawford County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. will be given a \$20,000 grant from Kalamazoo's Anthony Golden Agency in order to initiate the "Building Hope, Building Homes" project in Grayling.

Local members of the Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) will help in the construction of a second new home for a Grayling area family as well as the raising of any additional funds.

Since its establishment in 1997 the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. has constructed one home, which was completed last November.

"AAL has a rich tradition of helping families," said David Wyman, AAL member and leader of the Building

Hope, Building Homes program. "We are looking forward to joining with community volunteers to help make home ownership a reality for this family."

AAL is an organization comprised of 1.7 million Lutherans who have united in order to pursue investments, education, and volunteer work.

It is projected that AAL will have put more than 200 families into new homes by the end of 1998. AAL's Building Hope, Building Homes program is carried out in partnership with Habitat for Humanity International.

Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller in an effort to provide people everywhere with a decent place to live.

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"Build for yourself a strong box, build it with great care. When it's as strong as your hands can make it, Put all your troubles there. Store all your disappointments...each bitter pill that you quaff; Next, close down the top upon it, Then sit on the lid...and laugh!"

—Author Unknown



Each week as we study and learn of God's love, as we build our faith on His promises, we build our strength of spirit so that we may give our cares to Him and be joyful. By not fretting over them, we are exercising patience and trust in His strong love and great wisdom. Our Heavenly Father is continually at work in our lives. Begin building your "strong box" this week as you worship at the church or synagogue of your choice.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Luke 11:1-13	Luke 18:1-14	James 1:1-12	1 Chronicles 17:1-27	1 Kings 18:1-46	Psalms 84	Psalms 85

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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

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Wednesday

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Wednesday Service 7 pm

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Winners chosen from 230 entries in Science, Art Fair



GRAYLING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS -- (front row, left to right) Third graders Heather Patterson, Kelly Lange, Jimmy Hilbrecht, Brad McDonald. (middle row, left to right) Fourth graders Jill Seager, Amanda Lutz, Jessie Morley, Ryan Feldhauser. (back row, left to right) Fifth graders Jason Strohpaal, Jeff Phipps, Alex McNamara.

The Grayling Elementary School held their annual Science and Art Fair on Saturday, Feb. 21.

Students in the third, fourth and fifth grades entered 160 science-related projects and 70 art-related projects into the competition, showing off their talents, imagination and knowledge.

Outstanding Awards were given to the following entries:

In the Science category:

3rd Grade - Bradley McDonald - "How Sound Travels Best"; Kelly Lange and Heather Paterson - "How Does the Fizz in Soda Pop Get There?"; and Jimmy Hilbrecht - "How Does a Light Bulb Work?"

4th Grade - Ryan Feldhauser - "Can You Take Iron Out of Cereal?"; Amanda Lutz and Jessie Morley - "Will a Plant Grow Better in a Red, Blue or White Light?"; and Jill Seager - "What is Scientific Imaging?"

5th Grade - Jason Strohpaal and Jeff Phipps - "Can the Fish and Plants Survive an Enclosed Environment?"; Mallory Sager - "What is an Earthquake and What Type of Building is Safe During One?"; and Alex McNamara - "Why do Your Ears Hurt when You Dive into Deep Water?"

In the Art category:

3rd Grade - Matt Krajenka - "Spring Things"; Ashley Jurkovich and Tara McLachlan - "Kids in the Spring"; and Rich Shurter - "Biking".

4th Grade - Lee Kostopolus and Kellan Quigley - "Home in Michigan"; Austin Andrus - "The Magic Deer Family"; and Zach Dean - "U of M".

5th Grade - Amber Pindell - "What Happens in the Spring?"; Henry Lane - "Michigan's Spring Harvest"; and Nichol Millar - "Michigan's AuSable Spring".

SHARE food program looking for participants

by Cheryl A. Ruley

Staff Writer

The people at SHARE Michigan say their program seems to be the best kept secret in town. In recent months it has become too much of a secret.

Some people may be under the impression that one must meet qualifications other than the two hours of volunteer service to take advantage of the savings SHARE provides for its participants or that one must be of low income status to participate. These are myths that the SHARE volunteer staff would like to clear up, once and for all.

SHARE is a food distribution program where volunteers can purchase about \$30 worth of groceries for \$15 if they serve two hours of community service. There are no other strings attached or hidden qualifications.

In Memory Of

Cecil J. Canfield

March 5, 1994

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Until the dark of night
The sun sinks down behind the hills
and soon is out of sight.

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our grief is never gone, But smiles can
hide a heartache and we just carry on.

The daybreak brings another day of
loneliness for you

We miss the kindly little things that
you would always do.

And through it all, we wear that
smile, and with each morning dawn,
they'll never guess how very much we
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We miss you, Dad!

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tions. Volunteers sign up at the beginning of each month and pick-up is at the end of each month.

The grocery packages include different items each month, but there is always fresh meat, fruit and vegetables. Other items that have been offered in the past are canned goods, bakery items, pancake mix and frozen fish.

Not only do volunteers save money on their grocery bills, but the community benefits from volunteer services that may have or will be phased out by government cuts.

In an effort to get the word out about this unique community service program, SHARE is asking its faithful participants to become SHARE Ambassadors. The ambassadors will explain the program to friends, family and acquaintances.

As an incentive to get someone new to sign up during February and March, SHARE is offering the Bonus Buddy coupon, which entitles the holder to \$1 off the \$15 traditional package. The coupon can be clipped from the SHARE newsletter. Only one coupon discount per person is allowed.

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ACC 350	Accounting and Information Systems	Tuesday
ECO 301	Microeconomics	Tuesday
MGT 300	Principles of Management	Tuesday
INT 350	Principles of International Business	Tuesday
ACC 235	Accounting Appic/Microcomputer	Wednesday
ACC 236	Payroll Appic/Microcomputer (Begins May 6)	Wednesday
COM 120	Interpersonal Communications	Wednesday
MKT 410	Contemporary Issues in Marketing	Wednesday
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ACC 318	Writing About Literature	Thursday
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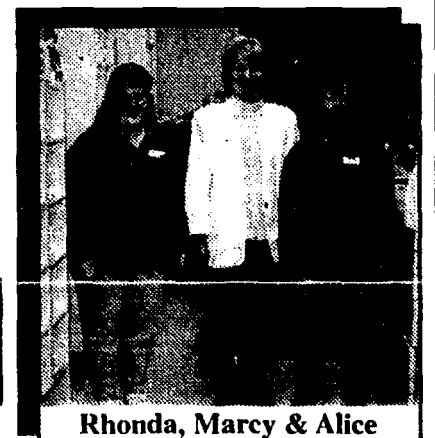
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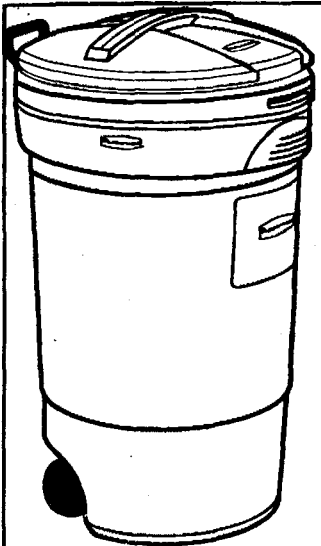
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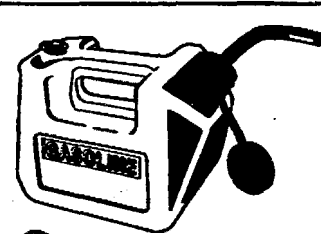
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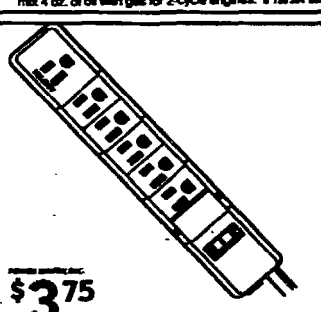
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Grayling Middle School band puts on concert to prepare for Festival



MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND PREPARES FOR FESTIVAL -- Eighth grade band members, directed by Dennis Ormsbee, perform at their pre-Festival concert in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. District Festival for the whole middle school band will be held in Elk Rapids on March 6.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Happenings at the Center and announcements of things to come: Pantry Bingo every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m.; We are starting a Euchre club on Tuesdays at 12:30; come one, come all! Also, anyone out there that likes to play Bridge, they play on Mondays at 1 p.m., please give us a call because we always need a fourth and if we get enough "fourths" there will be another table! Give us a buzz at 348-7123 for either card game. Commodities distributed March 4 from 10 to 11 at the Free Methodist Church on M-72 W; BK Bingo at 12:30 also on the 4th; Lucky 7 Casino trip on the 5th and Travelogue at the HS on Eastern & Orient Express; Share sign-up from 10 to 2; Video on the 10th at 12:30,

"Medicare & You" Birthday luncheon and "Fun fest" on the 11th. RSVP White Elephant Auction at 5:30 on the 11th, as well; Blood pressures taken on the 12th from 11 until noon. Pancake Brunch on the 15th from 10 to 1. St. Patrick's Day dance at 12:30 on His very day, the 17th; COA Board meeting on the 18th at 5:30; Casino trip on the 19th; Legal help at 1:30 on the 20th; Sunday Potluck on the 22nd. Congregate meals are served at noon and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and at noon only on Friday. Fruit and vegetable salad bar on Tuesday; Soup served on Monday and Wednesday and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus 10 to 2; Video on the 10th at 12:30, are subject to change without notice.

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by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling Middle School band played a Thursday night concert at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium to prepare for the March 6 District Festival in Elk Rapids.

The seventh graders, led by band director Dennis Ormsbee, performed three numbers: Spartans of Tomorrow by Andrew Balent, American Folk Fantasy, which contains Civil War pieces, and Kachina Chant and Dance.

After the second number the band practiced sight reading, which it must do in front of a professional judge at Festival. The band is given a selection and a short time to prepare before performing the music. The band members get ready to play the selection by singing it, since they are not allowed to use their instruments during sight reading preparation.

The eighth grade band, conducted by assistant band director David Gott, began with a march called Pride of the Corps and then moved on to Portrait of a Clown by Frank Kelly. Following their sight reading exercise the eighth graders finished the night with a Del-Borgo piece called Antares.

The middle school band will perform at the Elk Rapids Festival the evening of March 6. Chaperones for the event are needed. Interested parents should contact Mr. Ormsbee.

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Fraternal Order of Eagles celebrates 100 years

While the media bemoan the so-called death of fraternal clubs, one of the longest-serving and indomitable fraternal organizations celebrated its 100th anniversary in robust health on Feb. 6.

Founded a century ago by six men sitting on a lumber pile in Seattle, WA, today the Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE) and its Ladies Auxiliary have over one million members in 2,500 Aeries and Auxiliaries throughout the United States and Canada.

Members celebrated their organization's centennial in a series of special events during the first week of February in the Seattle area, and in their hometown clubs.

Eagles from all over the nation will attend the 100th Grand Aerie Convention in Spokane, WA, this coming July.

Grand Worthy President William (Bill) Blum, of Chehalis, WA stated, "The world has changed a lot in the last century, but the goals of the FOE have never wavered from the ones promulgated by our founders: 'The protection of the helpless, the encouragement of the hopeless, the improvement of living conditions, the furnishing of equal opportunities for all' -- in short, the betterment of humanity."

Toward that end, the FOE has achieved a record of accomplishment that is the envy of every other fraternal organization, and has earned the approbation of American and world leaders who have joined the Eagles in its crusade for a better world.

Six U.S. presidents have been

members of the FOE. One of them, Franklin D. Roosevelt, lauded the Eagles' role in the passage of the Social Security Act, signed by him in 1935.

"Our countrymen owe the Eagles good will for their unselfish services," said President Roosevelt.

Through six major international charity funds, the Eagles have raised and donated countless millions of dollars for cancer and heart research, to help handicapped youngsters and those in their sunset years.

Since World War II, the Eagles' Memorial Foundation has paid the medical and educational expenses of the children of every Eagle member of the Armed Forces, Eagle policeman and fireman, and, in recent years, every Eagle emergency medical technician and prison guard killed in the line of duty.

It's all part of the organization's motto: "People Helping People."

"That's what we have always been about, and that's what we will celebrate in our anniversary year, even as we rededicate ourselves to a second century of service," says Grand Worthy President Blum.

In addition to the political and governmental leaders who have made common cause with the Eagles over the last century, the FOE has attracted the greatest humanitarians in the world of show business to its banner.

The late Jimmy Durante was such a fervent member that the Eagles special fund for handicapped children is named for the famed entertainer with the giant heart.

Bob Hope -- "Mr. Humanitarian" himself -- came over to a dozen international Eagles' conventions at no charge because he believes so strongly in the FOE.

"Eagles," Hope has often said, "are my kind of people."

But while the high-placed and famous have been numbered among its members, the Eagles were at the beginning, and continue to be, primarily an organization of working men and women banded together for fellowship and the opportunity to make a difference in each other's

lives and the lives of others.

A half century ago, author Richard S. Davis put it best, and 50 years later it remains true: "When all is said and done, it may well be true that the greatest accomplishment of the Eagles is, after all, the simplest."

"It may be that what has counted most with its members is nothing more pretentious than this: A card game with the boys over a battered table. A little pool. A thunderous bowling match. A picnic and sun-burn out in the country. A dance to which a man could take his best girl and have the time of his life. A sociable drink with good scouts

named Tom, and Bill, and Joe, and Olaf, Emil and Giuseppe.

"What all this means, as wise men know, is merely the chance to 'belong', to be recognized as 'somebody', to be, when the day's work is done, a kindly fellow hobnobbing with broad-shouldered equals."

That is the 100-year story of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. It's a story worth celebration, and the one million-plus members of the Eagles -- one of the few fraternal organizations whose membership has shown a marked increase over the last three decades -- intend to proudly make it heard in 1998.

Facade Loan Program available to Grayling Area Businesses

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce recently announced the availability of the Grayling Facade Loan Program to assist local businesses in obtaining low interest loans to be used to change or upgrade the exterior of their commercial buildings.

Through a cooperative effort of the five banking institutions in Grayling, this program has been developed to foster improvements and beautification of storefronts in the City of Grayling, creating a more pleasant shopping experience.

Banking institutions participating in the program are Chemical Bank, Citizens Bank, Empire National Bank, National Bank of Detroit and Old Kent.

These loans will make possible many exterior projects, including anything from a simple coat of fresh paint to an overall facade renovation, complete with new awnings or other signage.

The basic terms of the Facade Loan Program are:

- * \$10,000 maximum loan
- * Six year maximum amortization
- * Prime rate of interest
- * Pilot program boundaries - City of Grayling (will be expanded if need arises)
- * If building is leased, owner must

be involved

- * Milltown theme will be encouraged
- * Plans will be reviewed by an architectural committee
- * Subject to normal credit criteria
- * No processing fee
- * Out of pocket expenses will apply

The facade program runs from March 1 to Dec. 31, 1998.

Businesses interested in applying for a loan should contact their participating banking institution and ask about the Facade Loan Program.

Eligibility, terms and conditions of this private financing will be determined on an individual basis, subject to the basic terms listed.

Director Lynn Porritt-McConnell said the chamber is pleased that the banks were willing to cooperate and create the opportunity for businesses to improve their facades, if they so choose.

"The board of directors, at their recent strategic planning meeting, adopted this statement as one of their goals, 'to create pride in the community'. Therefore, the chamber encourages businesses to take advantage of the loan program," Porritt-McConnell remarked.

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CSI Industrial Systems planning expansion

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Packaging a foundry, complete with keys to the front and back doors, lies within the expertise of CSI Industrial Systems, Corp. of Grayling.

Current manufacturing space at the plant is 34,000 square feet. CSI will build an additional 30,000 square feet in the spring of 1998 to meet the growing demands of its customer base.

CSI bills itself to the materials handling industry — wood processing, ship loading, steel mills, foundries, automotive assembly, and others — as being able to deliver an industrial facility "greenfield to green sand."

Green sand is a foundry term related to castings and a green field is a vacant field on which a plant is to be constructed. The primary goal of CSI is to design, manufacture, and install the automated material handling and dust collection equipment for that plant or other specialty operation.

This ready-made operation includes the design and construction of the plant, and the custom designing of its equipment and materials handling systems. The CSI design family will create the structure, the equipment, and the systems layout. The specialized equipment for this "green field" plant is then built in Grayling.

The CSI corporation employs over a 100 full time people, and including design, estimating and project engineers, field superintendents, and installation employees. The workforce in Grayling can cut, roll, bend, punch, mill, drill and weld anything from aluminum to stainless steel.

"We may be the best kept secret in Grayling," said Steve Kassuba, CSI sales manager, "but we have the best, well-trained workforce to be found anywhere." Kassuba has been with CSI since 1985.

John Patchin, president of the corporation, began as a partner in 1983, becoming the controlling stockholder in 1991. The original company was formed in 1978 and was called Clio Systems, Inc. Patchin brought the

company to Grayling in 1983. He has over 30 years of experience in design and application of material handling systems and industrial equipment.

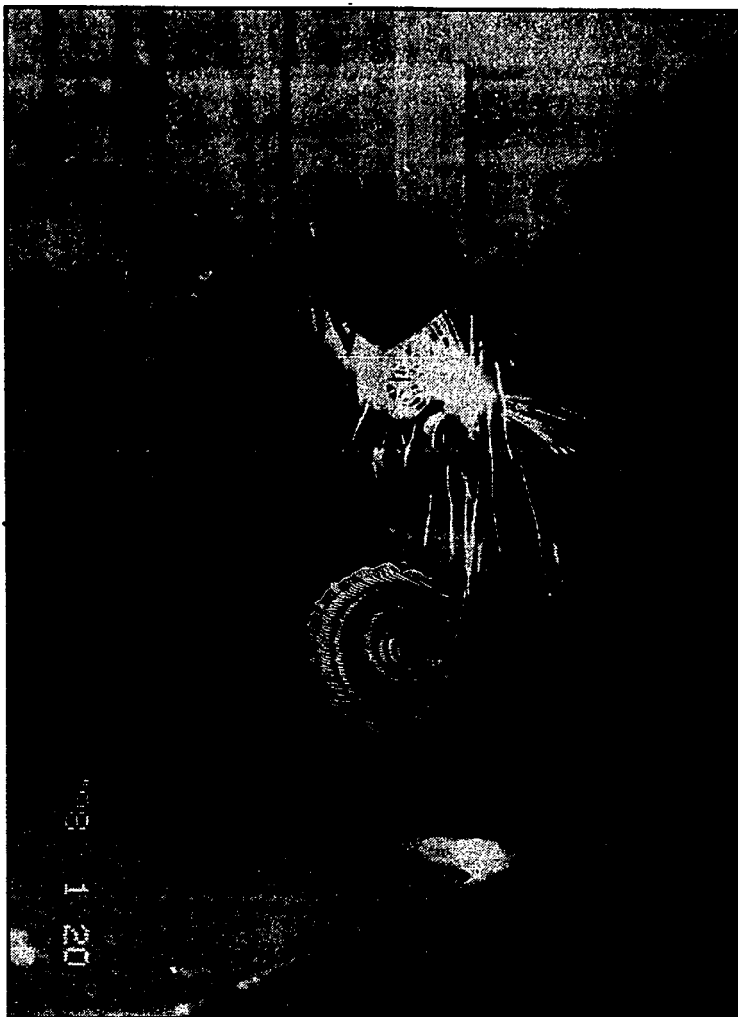
Because the current manufacturing facility is bursting its seams, space is a problem. Iron rusts if it's left out in the weather, and it falls to Plant Superintendent Michael Campbell to see that this does not happen. He must also take responsibility for all fabricating, scheduling, the purchase and delivery of materials, and traffic operations.

Campbell's counterpart, as Purchasing Manager, is Jon Elenz. His primary responsibility is to acquire all mechanical components used in the CSI systems. The motors which power the CSI equipment are purchased outside and are then built into the equipment prior to customer installation.

Some types of equipment manufactured here are a wide variety of conveyors, elevators, hoppers, automated iron pourers, vacuum casting automation equipment, core, flask and mold handling devices. CSI also designs, builds and installs specialized dust collectors and air handling systems.

CSI customers include Weyerhaeuser, Georgia Pacific, Hitachi, LaFarge, General Motors, Eaton Corporation, Ford Motor, AJD Forest Products, Honda, Kohler, Medusa Cement, and many others.

When standing inside the CSI facility observing the men at work building something this complex and large, it's much like looking at a gigantic erector set. The mental exercise is to then piece together the massive parts being constructed, the trick being to accurately imagine just how and where they appear on the engineer's drawings. One look at the company's literature as to how these completed, automated systems will be placed on-site is one thing. But, watching the sections being bolted and welded together in a machine shop is quite another.



SPARKS FLY -- A sheet metal worker at CSI Industrial Systems makes the sparks fly. The Grayling firm employs more than 100 full time workers. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

Work crews prepare to take on Michigan potholes

Following the recent mild winter Michigan Department of Transportation road crews are preparing to take on spring potholes.

One quarter of road miles to be repaired in 1998 will get a fix designed to endure for over 20 years. The other three quarters will get 10-20 year maintenance measures. In the years 1992-1995 90% of fixed miles received the 10-20 year treatment.

Generally, Michigan's freeze-thaw cycles occur more often and are more taxing on roads than other states' cycles. The unusual winter had potholes appearing as early as January.

"Back in January, we had crews running salt in the morning and filling potholes in the afternoon. From a road repair standpoint, we much rather prefer a good hard winter freeze that sticks around," commented State Transportation Director James DeSana.

Potholes are caused by moisture that seeps into the soil just below the pavement and freezes. The frozen water expands the ground and forces the pavement upward. After the ground thaws there will be a gap between the soil and the pavement. When vehicles go over pieces of road with these gaps under them the pavement breaks and creates a pothole.

The freezing and thawing process can create new potholes in as quickly as one day; therefore, the MDOT needs the help of Michigan drivers in locating potholes as they become apparent on the roads.

"We have crews out filling potholes and conducting 'pothole patrols' to take care of problems as they arise. Nevertheless, the nature of how potholes are created dictates that we won't catch all of them without assistance from motorists," said DeSana.

Potholes on state roads can be re-

ported to the MDOT North Region office at 517-731-5090. Problems with state roads, such as I-75, US-31 and M-72, can also be reported to Transportation Director DeSana at 1-888-296-4JIM, a toll free hot line.

Local roads, those not designated by "M," "I" or "US," are maintained by county and city road commissions. Problems with these should be reported locally.



FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

Pain in the arch

Let's say you wake up one morning and your feet are killing you. Here are some questions to ask: Did you do any heavy lifting the day before? Go hiking or climbing? Take an unusually long, vigorous walk? A yes to any of those could mean that you have aggravated a case of plantar fasciitis, a painful stretching or tearing of the fibrous tissue (the "fascia") that runs along the bottom of the foot (the "plantar"). Athletes are especially prone to plantar fasciitis, as are pregnant women due to hormone changes and the stress of carrying extra weight. Whatever the cause, treatment is essential to encourage healing and prevent further damage.

Do you have a painful foot problem? Don't hide behind these five dangerous

words - maybe it will go away. Feet are vulnerable and prone to complaints, but most problems don't just disappear on their own. Your podiatrist can treat them effectively with medication, surgery, or other, less invasive procedures such as exercise or orthotics. Don't take your feet for granted - call us instead at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. We're located at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

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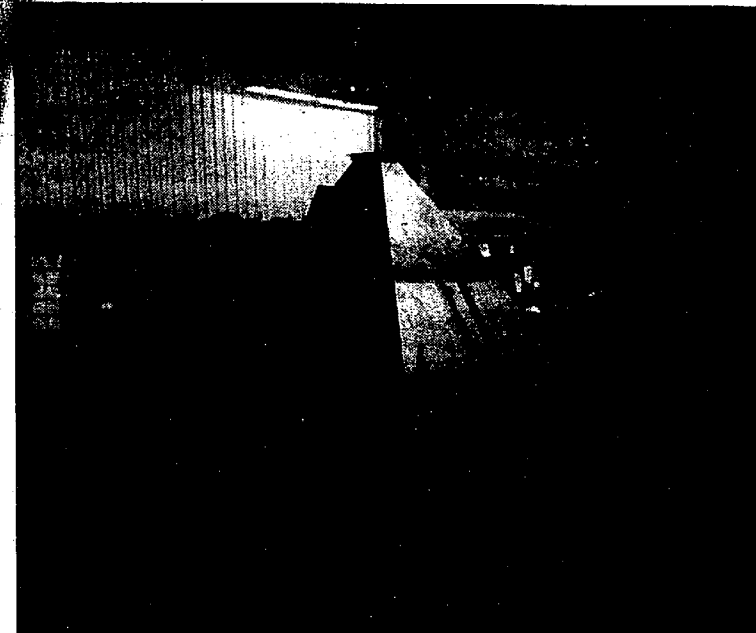
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GPA sponsors Pictionary Olympics March 20th

Get ready, get set for the 11th annual Pictionary Olympics on Friday, March 20 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Grayling.

Pictionary is the social event of the winter. Businesses and organizations pit themselves against the drawing board and time clock. Last year's champions by two seconds were Northern Michigan Health Services, followed by the GPA squad and Chemical Bank North.

"GPA's team is raring and ready to compete for the grand trophy," said Betty Bennett, GPA President. "Our Picasso this year are Linda Stephens, Carolyn Diponio, Andrea Nygard, Phyllis Hamilton and myself as alternate. Rest assured we are practicing to win!"

Already entered are competitive teams from Scheer Motors, Mercy Hospital and Citizens Bank. Entry fee is \$60 per team of four persons. Each individual takes a turn drawing from one of the Pictionary categories and they are timed against the clock. The team with the lowest time wins the trophy.

Delicious snacks are provided by the K of C, and a cash bar is open throughout the night. This year the K

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Fight targets soil erosion along AuSable, Manistee, Muskegon

Consumers Energy and several natural resource agencies and organizations will continue a cooperative streambank soil erosion control program on the AuSable, Manistee and Muskegon rivers this year. Approximately \$383,000 of work will be performed on 10 streambanks along the AuSable River, three on the Manistee River, and six on the Muskegon River.

"During the extensive multi-agency negotiations that led to new 40-year operating licenses for our hydroelectric generating facilities on these rivers, Consumers Energy committed to spend up to \$1 million in 1992 dollars on streambank soil erosion control work," said Thomas W. Bowes, the utility's director of hydro operations.

"In 1996 following streambank erosion inventories, restoration was begun on one streambank each on the AuSable and Muskegon rivers," Bowes continued. Restoration in 1997 included six AuSable River streambanks and four on the Manistee River. The 19 sites scheduled for 1998 continue this important partnership.

"These streambank restoration partnerships are a reflection of the spirit of the historic 1992 hydro relicensing agreement. We are very pleased to continue this important work with so many other groups and individuals who share our concerns for restoring and protecting these sensitive areas," Bowes said.

On the AuSable River, the sites include three below the Mio dam. They are in Sections 9, 15 and 18 of Mentor Township, in Oscoda County. The area to be restored range in size from eight feet high and 60 feet long, to 13 feet high and 80 feet long.

Seven sites below the Foote dam, on the AuSable, also will be restored. They are Sections 31, 35 and 36 of Oscoda Township, in Iosco County. They range in size from 12 feet high and 50 feet long, to 45 feet high and 300 feet long.

On the Manistee River, the three sites are below the Tippy dam. They are in Sections 26 and 36 of Dickerson Township, in Manistee County. They range in size from 12 feet high and 350 feet long, to 12 feet high and 500 feet

long. The Muskegon River's six sites are below the Croton dam. They are located in Section 19 of Croton Township and Sections 14 and 24 of Brooks Township, in Newaygo County. They range in size from seven feet high and 130 feet long, to 10 feet high and 1,025 feet long.

"Erosion control efforts on the Muskegon River are important because this area contains some of Michigan's best anadromous fish spawning habitat," said Gale Nobles of the Timberland Resource Conservation and Development Council and Muskegon River Watershed Initiative Project manager. The area is a primary spawning area for walleye, steelhead, chinook salmon and lake sturgeon.

"The funding provided by Consumers Energy makes it possible to remediate these large sites which annually contribute several hundred tons of sediment to the AuSable River," said Brian Benjamin, watershed coordinator for the Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development Council. "These projects further restore the ecological health of the river's world class fishery."

"For more than 17 years the Conservation Resource Alliance has seen the value of quality Manistee River fishing for hard working adults, teens and families," said Dan Hubbell, the Traverse City-based group's chairperson. "This continues to be true as similar projects on other rivers have improved the quality of life for river users and residents. We commend Consumers Energy for taking the lead in funding and partnering on these worthwhile projects."

The past streambank disturbances resulted from increasing land development, recreation access, and historic water flow fluctuations from the hydroelectric plants. The flow of soil sediments into a river can affect river-based plant and animal life. The hydroelectric plants' new operating licenses require fluctuation that more closely mimic natural water flows during normal operations, at seven of its 11 hydroelectric facilities on the three rivers.

Work on each river generally will begin with the streambank closest to the respective hydroelectric facility,

and progress down river on a "worst first" basis to gain the maximum aquatic benefits. All of the streambanks targeted in 1998 were rated as "severe" or "moderately" eroding during the inventory. None are located near familiar public landmarks.

The work will begin on various schedules in May, June and July. Completion of the projects will range from June until November. Various restoration techniques will be used to halt erosion and protect the streambanks from further disturbance. The techniques include terracing, seeding and mulching, placement of top soil, placement of rock riprap, construction of whole tree revetments, and construction of fences and stairways to control pedestrian traffic.

Funding and other support for the 10-year erosion control program comes from the utility's license commitment (\$191,550 this year), the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Habitat Improvement Account (funded by an annual Consumers Energy contribution established during the relicensing negotiations), the U.S. Forest Service, Resource Conservation and Development Councils, and other interested parties. The RC&D Councils implement restoration activities on their respective rivers.

The Fremont Area Foundation and the Newaygo County Parks commission also were involved in 1997.

Private individuals who own some of the targeted sites are asked to contribute toward the restoration work.

Previous soil erosion control partnerships on the Manistee and AuSable rivers were recognized with the 1997 Eastern Region U.S. Forest Service Riparian Management Award. Erosion control partnerships on the AuSable River were honored on February 7 by the Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development Council.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S SCIENCE AWARD WINNERS -- Grayling Elementary School winners (from left to right) Elizabeth Banda, fifth grade, Kim Long, fourth grade, and third grader Brian Adams display their award certificates.

Grant for water treatment will spur Mackinac tourism

A U.S. Department of Commerce grant of \$800,000 will allow Mackinac Island to expand its water treatment capacity and will permit several tourism-based developments to go forward, Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, said.

Bruce F. Zimmerman, Mackinac Island's director of public works, said today the grant from the Economic Development Administration will be matched with almost \$1.2 million in local funds for the installation of new

technology equipment at the island's water filtration plant.

The announcement fits a tight project timeline that saw a pre-bid meeting on the project last week, advertisement for bids next week, and a projected completion date of May 15.

"We are expanding the capacity of our water filtration plant to meet the extreme increases in tourism we have seen on the island," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman and Mayor Margaret Doud confirmed Stupak's prediction that development will follow closely on the heels of the completion of the water project. Four island hotels have indicated they will create more than 125 new jobs, and a restaurant and a gift shop foresee creation of another 14 new positions.

"We are very pleased," Doud said of the grant award. "This work has been necessary to meet Michigan Department of Water Quality standards, and this grant will ease the financial burden of local residents and businesses."

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A neurological disorder may be the culprit when elderly people fall

Ann Arbor — It's a terrifying aspect of old age: Falling.

Nearly one in three people over age 65 and not living in a nursing home fall each year — and those falls often result in serious injury and significant cost.

In a series of studies begun in the early 1990s, James Richardson, M.D., and colleagues at the University of Michigan Health System have documented a strong link between falling and a neurologic disorder called peripheral neuropathy.

In Richardson's studies, more than half the subjects with peripheral neuropathy (PN) had suffered a fall, compared with only 10 percent of the subjects without PN. In fact, Richardson has shown that PN affecting the feet and legs makes elderly people about 20 times more likely to fall.

The body collects information about its position from the peripheral nervous system. PN affects

that system, however, and causes people to gradually lose sensation in their feet, legs and, to a lesser extent, hands.

Older adults with PN have difficulty sensing the position of their feet and how much their ankles are turned inward or outward. As a result, their center of gravity can easily shift too far without their realizing it — making them unstable. Also, feet and ankle muscles in people with PN develop strength slowly, so they are far less likely to recover when they wobble.

As many as 20 percent of older adults suffer from peripheral neuropathy, which is particularly common in diabetics.

In one study, PN patients could stand on one foot without teetering for only 3.8 seconds. A similar group without PN achieved 32.3 seconds.

That, Richardson says, means doctors can diagnose

PN by observing how long a patient can stand on one foot. An ongoing study, in fact, suggests that a patient's ability to stand on one foot is a better indicator of PN than a detailed physical examination.

Preventive steps that can help people avoid PN-related falls include:

—Support. By using a cane in their non-dominant hand, elderly PN patients can significantly reduce their risk of losing balance on irregular surfaces, especially under low-light conditions. People who are reluctant to use a cane can get the same support by leaning on a railing, stable furniture or another person.

—Education. PN typically develops slowly, so people often are unaware that their balance is impaired. Understanding neuropathy and its progression can help them recognize it.

—Regular eye exams. Patients with PN use their eye to compensate for their sensory loss. It's important

for them, therefore, to monitor their vision and make a habit of turning on lights at night.

—The right shoes. Shoes with thin, wide soles help maintain balance.

—Exercise. To optimally use a cane, a person needs to support 20 percent to 25 percent of their body weight on the cane. For that reason, they can benefit from exercises that improve

balance, grip and upper body strength. Richardson also recommends people practice balancing on one foot, which can improve ankle strength and help PN patients understand their limitations.

Seniors find new avenue for tax relief

Michigan — By filing Senior Citizen Status on the Homestead Property Tax Credit program, a senior homeowner may receive a reduction in property taxes. While this program is very popular, a homeowner still has to come up with the money to pay those property taxes. Many Michigan homeowners have discovered a solution which will greatly improve their ability to pay their property taxes. This solution comes in the form of a Federally backed program called a reverse mortgage. The program allows homeowners, 62 and older, to draw income from their home equity without requiring repayments for as

long as they live in and own the home.

Unfortunately, the reverse mortgage cannot lower the amount of property taxes that one pays. What it can do is make the money available to pay those taxes. At the borrowers discretion, the money can be taken in monthly payments, all at once, in a line of credit or a combination of these. The line of credit option will actually increase in value the longer it is kept in the account. This gives the borrower more money to use at a future date. But remember, unlike a regular, conventional bank loan, a reverse mortgage never has to be paid back for as long as

the borrower lives in the home. There are no additional monthly payments to worry about. Furthermore, your past credit history or your income is not considered when applying for a reverse mortgage.

This program has assisted thousands of people nationwide to improve their finances. The proceeds from a reverse mortgage can be used for any reason at all, not just to pay property taxes. If you are interested in receiving more, detailed information on either the FHA or the Fannie Mae programs, please call 1 (800) 860-6983.

Commission on Aging Bad Weather Policy

Commission on Aging (COA) policy of closing is based on school closings. If our schools are closed, they are closed. If the COA closes early, (or not open at all) announcements will be on both local radio stations and also on local TV channels.

Meals-on-wheels people are issued extra meals for their freezer for such snow-days.

Every effort will be made to contact their regular congregates to let them know they are not open and to make sure that they have food in the house.

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Persons who have insurance or medicaid are not eligible. If you think you might qualify, please call or stop in.

Other Alternatives: Many of the prescription drug manufacturers make their medications available free of charge, through doctors, to patients that may not have

the means to pay for them. Talk to your doctor if you think you may be eligible.

Dancing Pleasure

The first dance of the month will be on Tuesday, March 17 at 12:30 p.m. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day, and right on the date! Any shade, as long as it is green!

The second dance will be on Tuesday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. Encourage your friends to come along and have a really good time dancing or just listening to the wonderful old tunes. It's a lot more fun than sitting at home!

Crawford County Commission on Aging

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GHS band earns straight ones at District Festival

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

On Saturday, February 21 the Grayling High School band travelled to the Michigan Band and Orchestra Association's District Band Festival at Elk Rapids. The band returned with all Division I ratings.

The band performed three prepared numbers at Festival: Band of Gold by George Kenny, Once to Every Man and Nation by Ann McGinty and American River Songs by Pierre LaPlante.

Three professional judges graded the selections according to five musical criteria: tone, technique, rhythm, intonation and interpretation. All three judges gave Grayling ones.

The District Band Festival's sight reading portion also led to solid ones.



TOP RATED GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL BAND -- The Grayling band poses for a picture at the Elk Rapids District Band Festival. The band members received Division I ratings from all the Band Festival judges qualifying them for the upcoming state competition in Alpena.

In the sight reading room the band members are given two pieces of music and seven minutes to prepare before they perform the selections for a single judge.

"What a nice band doing some very nice and musical things. I certainly hope you appreciate your fine director. He is one of the best and you're fortunate to have him. A pleasure to hear you today, keep up what you're doing," commented one of the Band Festival judges to the Grayling band.

This is the first Grayling High School band of Class B status to earn straight ones since it moved up to that class last year.

The Division I ratings have qualified the Grayling band for the state competition to be held on April 24 and 25 in Alpena.

Harland reappointed

by Staff Writer

Mary Harland of Grayling has been reappointed to the Crawford County Social Services Board for a second two-year term ending Oct. 31, 2000.

"I was happy to receive the questionnaire from the Family Independence Agency (FIA), because it meant that I was being considered for reappointment," said Harland.

Marva Livingston, director of Michigan's FIA, said, "The County Social Services Board plays an important role in the successful delivery of financial and family independence provided to the citizens of Crawford County."

The three-member social services board represents the community in an advisory capacity to the county department. Two members are appointed by the county board of commissioners and the third is appointed by the state FIA director.

Harland will continue to work closely with county commissioner, Lynette Corlew, who acts as a liaison between the county government and the local FIA office.

"It is critical to balance the needs of the citizens of Crawford County with the resources available. Our goal is to maintain and improve services for our citizens in need," commented Harland.

School choirs prepare for festival competition

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Staff Writer

Choirs from Grayling Middle School (GMS) and Grayling High School (GHS) are preparing to compete in Traverse City on March 7 at the annual choir festival.

Under the direction of choir director Karen Ross, close to 200 students will perform required pieces of music and be rated on sight reading proficiency by four judges in this day-long event at the Traverse City East Junior High School.

The GMS 7th Grade Choir, consisting of 74 singers, will compete at 9:15 a.m., performing required piece, "Hine Ma Tov", a Hebrew folk song. They will also sing American folk song, "At the Foot of Yonder Mountain".

The GMS 8th Grade Choir, made up of nearly 50 singers, will compete at 10:15 a.m., performing required piece, "Cindy", an

American folk song. This group will sing in Latin for the first time, when they perform the traditional mass, "Pie Jesu".

The GHS Concert Choir will perform "The World's End" and a Celtic piece called "Manx Lullaby", with flute accompaniment. Their competition is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

The Chamber Choir, the high school's premier singing ensemble, will begin their portion of the competition at 2:30 p.m. The required music they will perform is "River Sing Your Song", about which Mrs. Ross commented, "It's a beautiful piece and I thought the song was an appropriate selection, considering our community's relationship with the AuSable River."

Also, the Chamber Choir will sing a song of Indian Summer flavor called "Something Told the Wild Geese", which talks of how the

species knows when to leave for their southern winter respite.

A total of 22 choirs from six northern Michigan schools will compete at the festival. Some school districts only have high school choirs representing them. Mrs. Ross said that she is proud to have four choirs representing Grayling and that so many GMS students have been interested in participating in the district's music program.

Family and friends of the choir members were treated to a Pre-Festival concert on the evening of March 3 at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium, when the groups performed their festival pieces.

"Anyone interested in attending the festival on Saturday, March 7th is welcome to come and support the choirs during the competition and admission is free," said Mrs. Ross.



CHORAL CONCENTRATION -- The GMS 7th Grade Choir warms up for their teacher Karen Ross. Two GMS choirs and two GHS choir groups are preparing for a full day of Festival Competition in Traverse City on Saturday, March 7.

'Romeo and Juliet' to be performed at Interlochen

"Romeo and Juliet" will be presented by The Acting Company at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 in Corson. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students 18 and under. For tickets/information, call Interlochen's Box Office at (616) 276-6230.

The Acting Company, the prestigious national repertory touring theater, brings promising stars of the stage to William Shakespeare's classic star-crossed lovers. To heighten the romanticism and make it more accessible to modern audiences, this version of "Romeo and Juliet" is set in the late 19th century. However, this is the complete telling of perhaps literature's most famous love story, in all its glory: Romeo and Juliet falling in love at first sight; the feuding Montague and Capulet families; the passionate reactions of those surrounding the young lovers; and of course, the tragic outcome.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary season this year, The Acting Company was founded in 1972, by Margot Harley and the late, great producer/actor John Houseman. The Acting Company is dedicated to developing American classical actors and to cultivate a diverse national audience for repertory theater. Their alumni include Patti LuPone, Kevin Kline and David Odgen Stiers.

Interlochen Center for the Arts is home to Interlochen Arts Academy, America's premier fine arts boarding high school; Interlochen Arts Camp, the world's oldest and best-known summer arts program; Interlochen Arts Festival, the year-round presentation of over 750 performances and exhibitions, and Interlochen Public Radio, a national leader in per capita listener support among public radio stations. The center is situated on a 1,200-acre campus 16 miles southwest of Traverse City on M-137.



TORMENTED LOVE -- The Acting Company will perform "Romeo and Juliet" on March 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Interlochen Arts Festival.

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6. The voter will be directed to the county board secretary who will present a voters "sign-in" sheet.
7. Only after signing in will a voter be provided a ballot.
8. At that time the voter must cast their ballot and place immediately in the sealed box provided.

The election ballots will be counted with final results announced at the next County Regular Board Meeting of March 10, 1998 scheduled at 9 am in The Crawford County Building, Grayling MI.

John M. Hartman, Chairman
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Hospice of Michigan named Hospice Heroine of the year

Each year Hospice of Michigan elects one volunteer as their Hospice Hero or Heroine. This year's choice is Alice Galvani. Alice was nominated this year by Cindy Witkowski, Bereavement & Volunteer Manager - Roscommon County.

Cindy wrote: "I would like to nominate and recognize a very special volunteer who came through to help out three different families this past holiday season. The families from the Roscommon, Houghton Lake and Grayling areas, wanted to attend church services and visit with family for New Year get-togethers.

I knew these wishes would be hard to fill, so I began calling volunteers who've been so helpful in the past. Not surprisingly, everyone I called

planned to spend the days with their own families. Late that afternoon I received a call asking if the requests were filled yet. It was Alice Galvani, asking if she could fill those requests as a Christmas gift to Hospice of Michigan. She was grateful for the services we gave to her family when her husband was on the program a year-and-a-half ago.

I felt like an angel had come to our office that Christmas Eve noon. Yes, Alice's family had plans, but they talked and Alice told them this was something she wanted to do.

Thank you, Alice, for stepping forward to make so many of our patient's and families' holidays a little easier."



HOSPICE HONOREE -- Alice Galvani, left, was recently recognized as 1997's Hospice Heroine of the Year by Hospice of Michigan. Galvani was nominated by Cindy Witkowski, right, Bereavement/Volunteer Manager in Roscommon County.

HONORS

Ferris students make 'Who's who'

Two Ferris State University students, Sarah K. Micek, College of Arts and Sciences, and Amy Furst, College of Education, both of Grayling, were recently selected for inclusion in the 1997 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Selections for listing in the annual directory are made by campus nominating committees and directory editors on the basis of academic achievements, service to the Community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

The directory was first published in 1934. Listing now include students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Ferris Graduation list for Fall 1997

A total of 562 students completed the requirements for certificates, associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees at Ferris State University during fall semester.

Degrees awarded by the University were: masters of science in career and technical education, master of science in information systems management, bachelor of science, bachelor of science in business, bachelor of social work, associate in applied arts, associate in applied science, associate in arts, associate in science, and certificates.

Sara Micek of Grayling received a Bachelor of Science in Technical and Professional Communication and an Associates in Arts for Applied Speech Communication.

CMU announces honors students

Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list includes students from the area who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point averages.

In all, 2,724 CMU students were named to the honors list and 325 earned straight "A's". About 16,600 students attend CMU in Mount Pleasant.

For the fall semester, 457 freshmen, 465 sophomores, 612 juniors and 1,190 seniors were named to the honors list.

The area students who made the list were: Jamie Andrus, Amanda Bankert, Steven Branch, Kathryn Failing, Nicole Gingerich, Kimberly Haske, Benjamin Haskel, Heather Millikin, Trisha Ormsbee, Samara Sabin, and Nichole Siwula.

Pensacola Christian College Dean's List

Deborah Ann Schreiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Schreiner of Grayling, Michigan was named to the Dean's List by Dr. Matthew A. Beemer, Vice President for Academic Affairs, at Pensacola Christian College, for academic achievement during the 1997 fall semester. This was a result of earning a B average or higher.

Pensacola Christian College is a liberal arts college enrolling students from every state in the U.S. and over forty foreign countries. Pensacola Christian College has an enrollment of approximately 4,000 students in its undergraduate and graduate programs and offers over 60 programs of study.

Grayling Realtors are honored

Craig Hinkle and Charlene Scheer, Broker/Co-Owners of RE/MAX of Grayling, have been honored by the RE/MAX Real Estate System for outstanding sales and service in 1997.

They were presented with the prestigious RE/MAX 100 Percent Club Award for helping 36 or more families with their real estate transactions, which is three times the industry average.

Gary Boyd was awarded Executive Club honors for 22-35 real estate transactions, which is two - three times the industry average.

Local Citizen named founding sponsor

Ronald L. Lashley of Grayling recently became a Founding Sponsor of the Michigan Vietnam Monument. Ronald participated in the campaign to raise funds to build the monument in Lansing on the State Capitol grounds. The Vietnam Monument is well on its way to reaching its fundraising goal of \$2.3 million. The names of all Founding Sponsors will be listed in the Founding Sponsor Registry which will be maintained at the Michigan Department of Military And Veterans Affairs in Lansing.

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Hunting

Weekly Update

For this old fisherman the ice fishing is over for this year. I went to Marquette Lake this past Sunday night to fish for bluegills, and the ice was bad!! It was thick enough, but rotten all the way through. It was not safe at all. The turkey permits are coming back now, if you were successful you'll have to stop at a license dealer and buy your license. If you were not drawn you will be allowed to buy a license for the last season May 10th thru May 31st. The 1998 hunting and fishing licenses are now on sale, the old ones will expire March 31st.

This will be my last hunting and fishing report. I would like to take this time to thank anyone who was kind enough to take the time to read it and to one and all Thank You!!

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HOMETOWN NEWS

Benjamin Frederick Lamm was born March 1 at 4:38 a.m. to Fritz and Jannice Lamm of Ludington. He weighed six pounds 13 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. The grandparents are Tom and Sally Lamm of Clarkston and Vern and Cheryl LaDuke of Grayling.

MILITARY NEWS

Brandy Peterson a junior through the Grayling Alternative Education program enlisted into the 1071st Maintenance Company at Camp Grayling on Feb. 21 as a 92Y Unit Supply Specialist. Brandy enlisted under the split-training program, which allows her to attend basic training during the summer of her junior and senior year of high school. The Unit Supply Specialist supervises or performs duties involving request, receipt, storage, issue, accountability, and preservation of individual, organizational, installation, and expendable supplies and equipment. Brandy will be attending basic training this summer at Fort Leonardwood, MO, leaving June 25 and returning August 25. Brandy is the daughter of Daniel and Denise Peterson of Grayling.

Army Pvt. Michael A. Knight has arrived for duty at Camp Humphreys, Pyongtaek-Gun, South Korea.

Knight is a medical specialist assigned to the 52nd Aviation.

The private private is the son of retired Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Roy and Bonnie Knight of Grayling.

He is a 1997 graduate of Grayling High School.

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CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

Cabin Fever has been a success at the Crawford County Libraries with coupons from McDonald's of Grayling.

Cabin Fever will end Friday, March 6, with coupons given away this day only for a free Big Mac Sandwich.

For more information call 348-9214.

Crawford County Library is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone is 348-9214.

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12, Saturday, 12 to 3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215.

The Frederic Community Library is open Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Phone is 348-4067.

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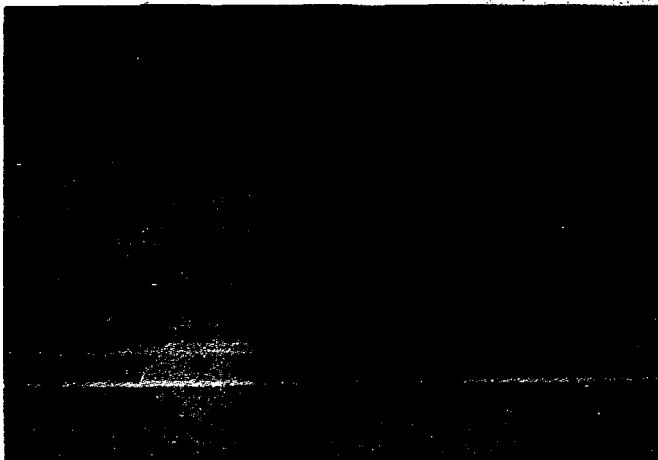
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Bradley and Charlene Scheer of Grayling announce the birth of their daughter, Peri Nicole Scheer January 9, 1998 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, MI She weighed 7.4 lbs.



She was welcomed home by her sister, Veronica, maternal grandparents Charles and Marilyn Fry of Hillsdale, MI and paternal grandparents are William and Phyllis Scheer of Grayling, MI

Visitors offer advice on county controller idea

(Editor's Note: With financial problems plaguing the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, the possibility of hiring a fulltime executive to run board business is under study. Here's a brief look at what's going on in a couple of other counties.)

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Cheboygan County Controller Charles Brown has been on the job for about eight months, and mentions many common problems "we seem to share between our counties."

Brown is a retired police chief from Wyandotte, and formerly supervised a department of 61 persons. His formal degrees are in social science and criminal justice.

He claimed the Cheboygan Board of Commissioners "was very diverse, and that none of them think alike. The common thread is that we don't always agree, but we all do serve the same people."

Brown said that county boards "tend to micro-manage departments, and because most county boards are part-time, managing the day-to-day work is often a problem."

Cheboygan Commissioner Bob Bolinger agreed. He said "I'm a livestock farmer ... When it comes to dealing with things in the courthouse, we decided the board needed professional help."

Cheboygan Commissioner John Wallace said "there is no way to get the lay leadership out of the county's business. But the controller eliminates a lot of committee work. He's like a business manager, and he's in the building so there's continuity between elected and appointed department heads."

Cheboygan put the controller in charge of personnel, buildings and grounds.

"Emmett County," said Brown, "has a county executive who has limited power. They've had trouble letting go of their power, but Charlevoix decided it was the only thing to do."

Brown said he handles "the day-to-day management, grievances, insurance problems and put out the fires just like a CEO."

Brown is paid \$50,000 per year with fringe benefits as county controller. He has one secretary with salary of \$28,000. His departmental budget is \$100,000.

Cheboygan set minimum qualifications for the job at bachelors degree in business management, public administration or related field, with 5-7 years experience in government administration.

The job description requires the controller "to coordinate and carry through to completion the activities and policies of the County Board of Commissioners with all affected parties ... to supervise the various appointed departments and coordinate activities between all offices ... to prepare, submit and review the annual budget ..."

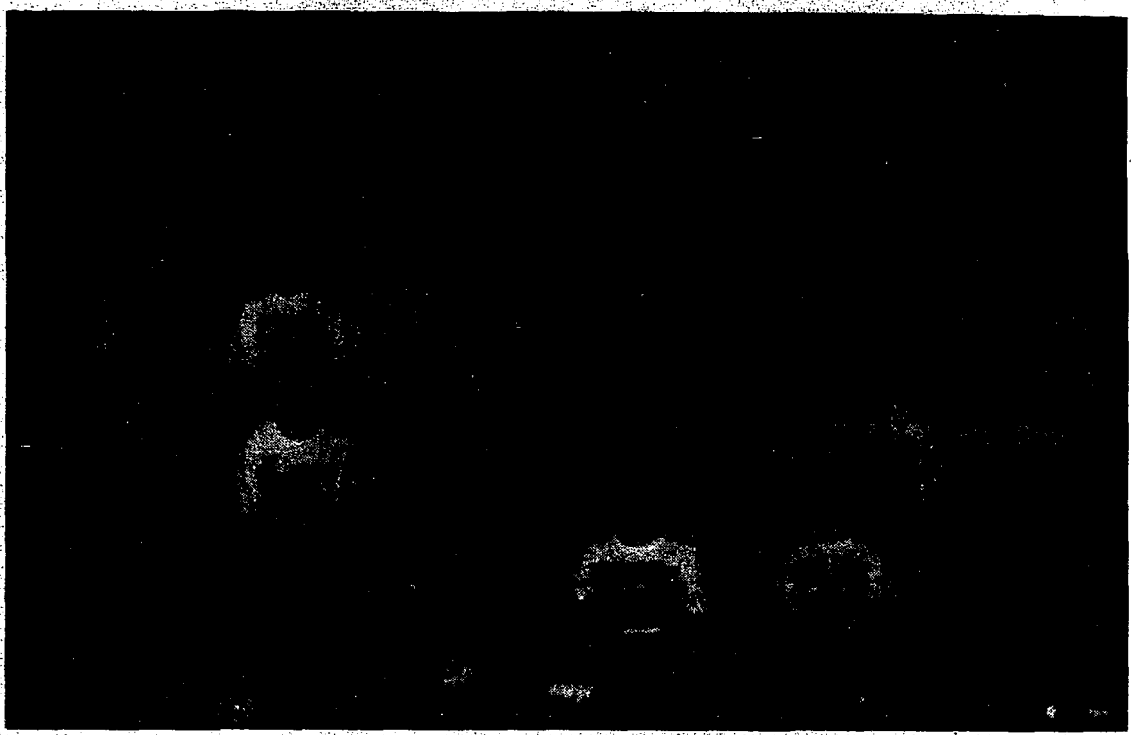
Calhoun County recently adopted a controller form of government. Commissioners there said that an

SHARED EXPERIENCE -- Cheboygan County officials met with officials from Crawford County to share their experience of employing a county controller. Pictured from left are John Wallace, Cheboygan County Commissioner; Charles Brown, Cheboygan County Controller; and Bob Bolinger, Cheboygan County Commissioner. Photo by Shirley Schmoock

Administrator-Controller will mean "an increase in accountability, a more uniform financial reporting

system, speedier annual audits, and an increase in the skill level available to all departments, according to news reports.

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GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY -- (front row, left to right) Eddie Goscicki, Andria Alvarez, Michael Salyers, Kim Erb, Seth Lepsey, Ashley Cox. (middle row, left to right) Christopher Riggs, Todd Gaffke, Matt Nedemod, Maggie Van Guildner, Ashley Nelson, Kelly Jansen, Chet Wheeler, Sarah Weaver. (back row, left to right) Anthony Johns, Sara Golnick, Alex Pomeroy, Jenny Feutz, Desiree Young, April Rugenstein, Natalie Kerr, Nicole Larm. Karen Curtiss, Rachel Ramaswamy and Regina Rosi are absent from the photo.

'Stepping Stones' series of business courses is underway again at Kirtland

Returning for a second season, the popular "Stepping Stones To A Successful Business" is a series of eight courses designed for people thinking of starting a business or for business owners wanting to sharpen

their business skills. Individuals may enroll in any one of the courses or all eight. The classes, developed by the Kirtland Area Business Partnership Committee, are taught by practicing specialists in key business fields, successful entrepreneurs or Kirtland Community College faculty members. The first session in the series is FREE. All other one-session (3-hours) classes are \$39 and two-session classes are \$60, (15% discount for seniors over 60). The courses are offered Tuesdays from 6 - 9 p.m. on the following schedule:

Room, KCC (fee \$39) Instructors: Vickie Wiley, Tanger Outlet Mall, West Branch & Louise Bucco, Director of KCC Library.

April 7, "How To Sell Your Product or Service" CEC, KCC (fee \$39) Instructor: Gary Dellinger, Houghton Lake.

April 21 & 28, (2 sessions) "Legal and Tax Issues For Business Owners" CEC, KCC (fee \$60) Instructor: Monte Burmeister, Attorney, Grayling.

May 5, "Introduction To Accounting and Record Keeping" CEC, KCC (fee \$39) Instructor: Gavin Carnegie, CPA, Houghton Lake area.

May 12, "Financial Management" Room 5, Academic Building, KCC (fee \$39) Instructor: Gavin Carnegie, CPA.

May 19, "Sources of Financing and Meeting With A Lender" CEC, KCC (fee \$39) Instructor: Tom Winarski, Vice President, NBD Bank, Houghton Lake.

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March 5, 1998

Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

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TTY No.: (800) 382-4568

On or about March 24, 1998 the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under the Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 for the following project:

48 Units New Construction of Rental Housing for Low-Income

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MSHDA intends to award PJ Grayling Family Apartments Limited Partnership and PJ Grayling Senior Apartments Limited Partnership up to \$2,000,000 in 1997 or 1998 HOME Funds. The funds will be used to construct 48 low-income units. The proposed developments, Grayling Pines Apartments and Whispering Pines Senior Apartments, will be located in the City of Grayling. The site is located on Meadows Street east of Business Route I-75. The City's downtown is within one-half mile of the site and shopping is located less than 1500 feet from the site. Grayling Pines will contain 8 one-bedroom units and 16 two-bedroom units in two-story buildings. Whispering Pines Senior Apartments will contain 20 one-bedroom units and 4 two-bedroom units in a one-story building. 48 parking spaces will be provided and outdoor recreation areas are included in the site design. Each unit will have a private patio or balcony.

Notice of FONSI

MSHDA also gives notice that it has been determined that the release of funds for the above development will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly MSHDA has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows: No significant environmental adverse impacts or hazards were identified in the course of the environmental review.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed development has been made by MSHDA which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at MSHDA, 401 S. Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48933. The records are available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please contact David Mehlisch at (517) 335-2034 or Chris Cummins at (517) 373-3309 for further information.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration. Such written comments should be received at MSHDA's address listed above on or before March 23, 1998. All such comments so received will be considered and MSHDA will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

PJ Grayling Family Apartments Limited Partnership and PJ Grayling Senior Apartments Limited Partnership will undertake the projects described above with HOME Program funds allocated to the State of Michigan (MSHDA) under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. MSHDA is certifying that MSHDA and Marjorie Green, Director of the Office of Community Development and James L. Logue III, in his official capacity as Executive Director of MSHDA, are consenting to accept the jurisdiction of Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval PJ Grayling Family Apartments Limited Partnership and PJ Grayling Senior Apartments Limited Partnership may use the HOME funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objection To State and HUD Release Funds

HUD will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the development indicated omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the development in the environment review process; or (c) other specific grounds in HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to: Les Berman, HUD Detroit Area Office, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objections received after April 8, 1998 will be considered by HUD.

Christine A. Cummins
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It's off to the Soo!

The Grayling Vikings will head north next week for the beginning of the real March Madness in Michigan high school athletics -- the 1998 Michigan High School State Basketball Tournament!

Sault Ste. Marie is site for Grayling district play. The Vikes' first game will be Friday, March 13, against either Roscommon or Sault Ste. Marie.

Grayling will conclude its regular Northeast Michigan Conference schedule Thursday (March 5) at home against Standish Sterling. A share of the conference town could be at stake. It will be Parents Night, too.

Go, Vikings!

Let's get ready to rumble!



THRILL PROVIDERS -- The Grayling Vikings provided plenty of action for basketball fans this year. Two are shown in action in a recent game against Gaylord. Nate Hinkle (above) goes high to win the opening tip, and Nate Beckwith (left) drives in for a certain two points.

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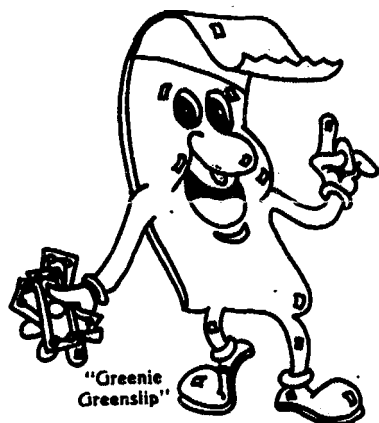
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Varsity boys hoops to take part in district tournament

The Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team will play its first game at the Sault Saint Marie Class B district tournament on Wednesday, March 11 at 8:30 p.m.

The Vikings received a first round bye and will play the winner of Monday's Roscommon versus Sault

Saint Marie game. The winner of that contest will take on the winner of Petoskey versus Cheboygan for the district championship. That game is scheduled for Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m.

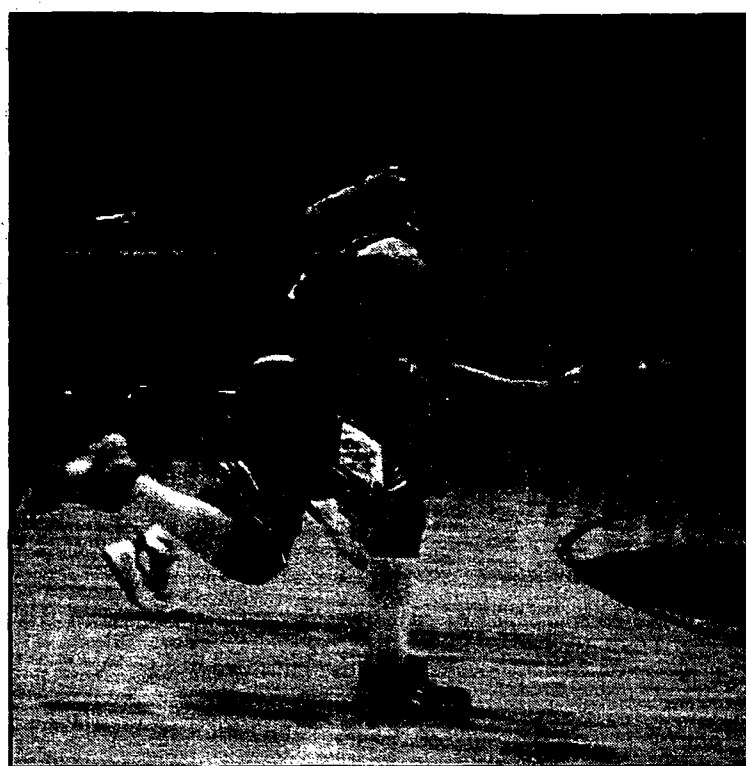
The district tournament champion will earn a place in the upcoming

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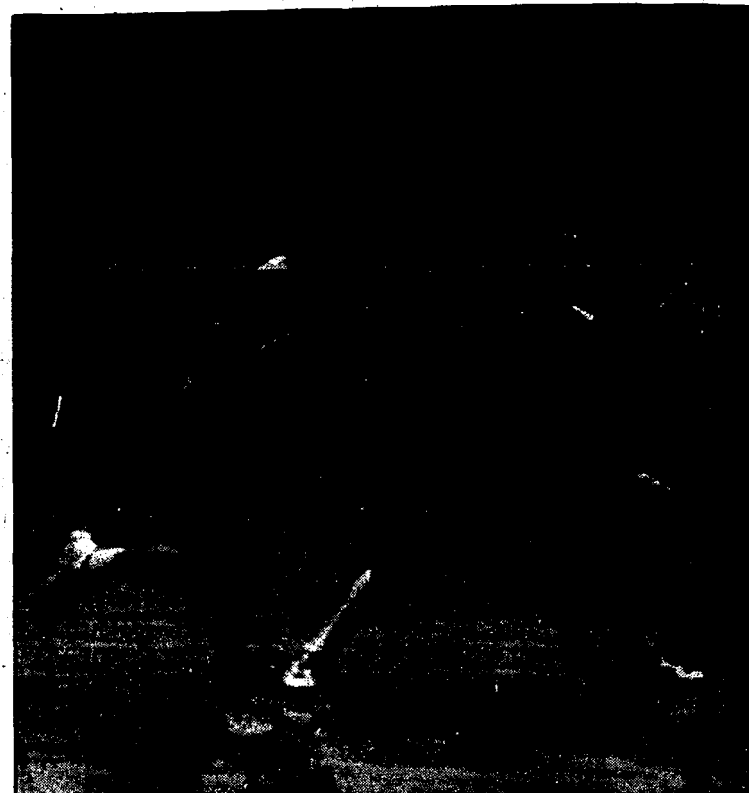
Varsity coach Rich Moffitt said that his team is presently concentrating on the Thursday night game against the Panthers of Standish. A Grayling win will get the Vikings a share of the Northeast Michigan Conference championship, tying them with Ogemaw

Heights and Valley Lutheran for the first place spot.

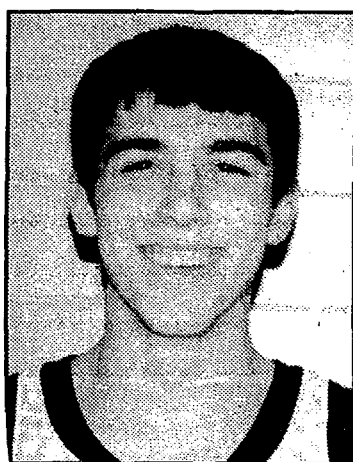
As far as the district tournament is concerned Moffitt said that his team just wants to go out and play the best basketball it can regardless of the opponent.



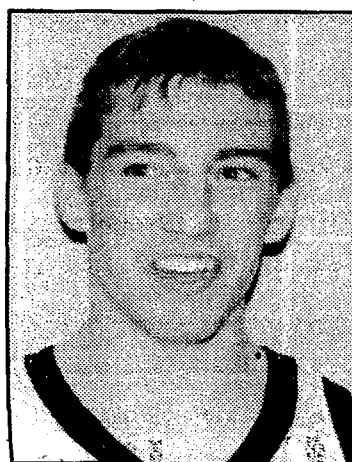
OFF AND RUNNING -- Viking Jeremy Jones dribbles toward the basket, with a Gaylord defender trying to keep pace.



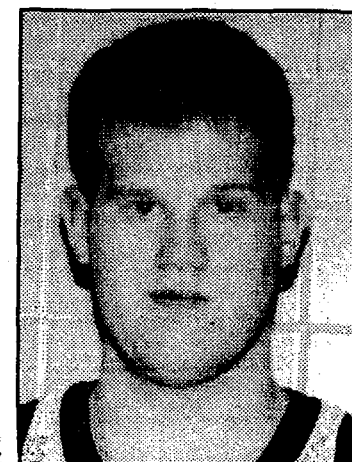
VIKING DEFENSE -- Grayling's Jeremy Millikin provides some sharp Viking defense against Gaylord.



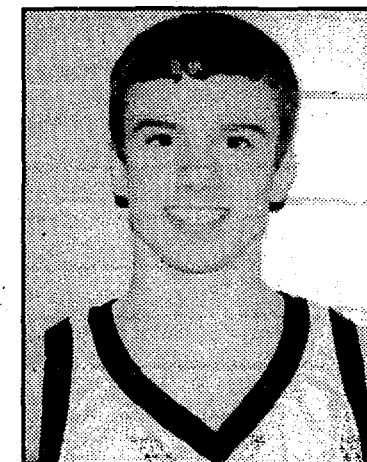
Junior Jeremy Millikin-#22
6'0" guard. Played good defense all season and showed the ability to knock down 3 pointers.



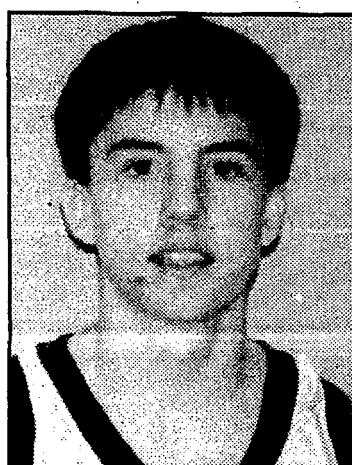
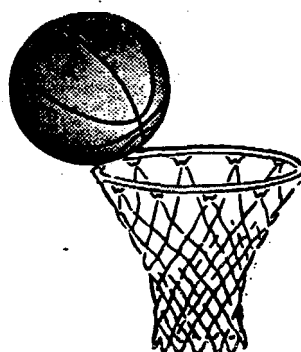
Junior Travis Huber-#32
5'10" forward. Played good defense on the perimeter, and also showed good offensive skills.



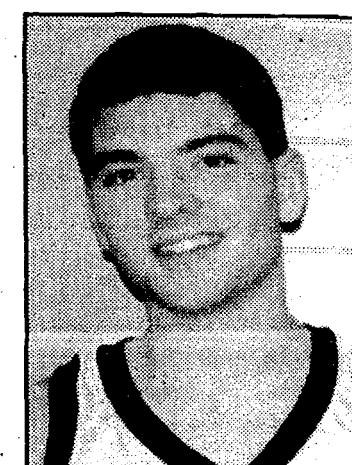
Sophomore Adam Knapp-#40
6'4" center. Good rebounder and post player. Played strong defense.



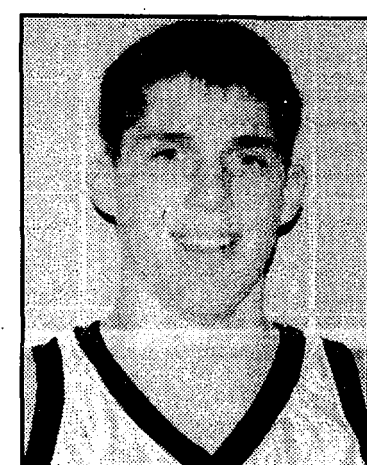
Sophomore Eli Tobin-#33
5'10" captain and guard. Lead the Vikings well all season. Not a player in the conference that can guard him one on one.



Senior Gordon Elsner-#12
5'8" guard. Plays with heart and intensity. Worked hard all season.

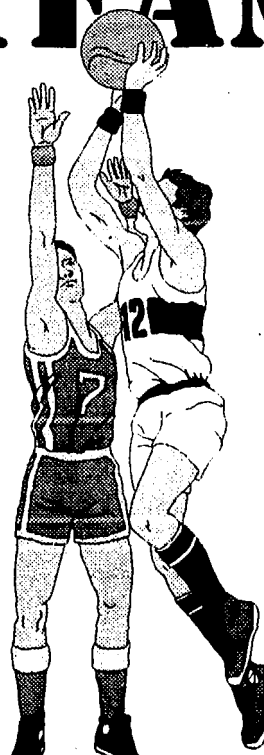


Senior Rob Dent-#11
5'10" guard. Worked hard all season, showed good leadership.



Junior Nate Beckwith-#10
6'1" forward. Shot great entire season and consistently knocked down 3 pointers.

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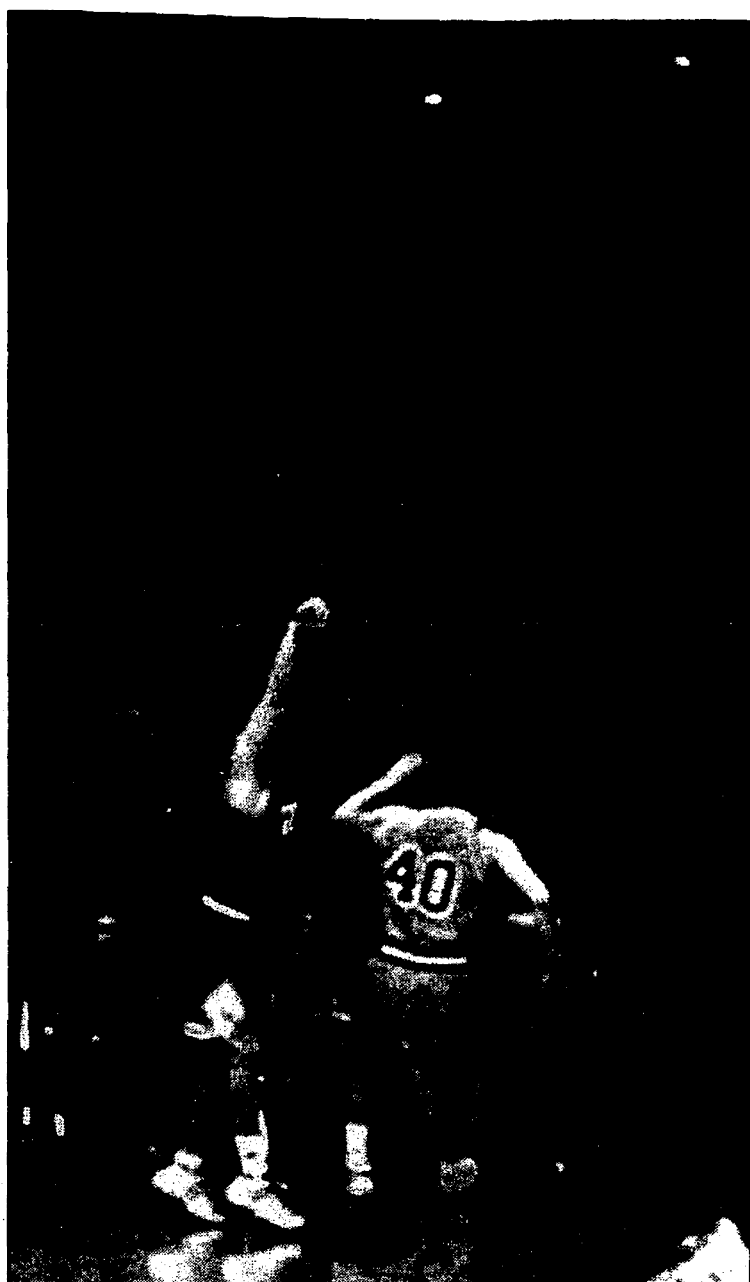
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Vikings to play season finale

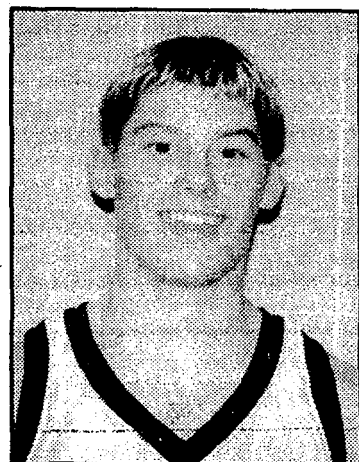
Grayling High School boys basketball is taking on the Standish Panthers this Thursday at home. The March 5 contest at the Grayling High School gym will be Parent's Night. The Junior Varsity Vikings are

scheduled to begin at 6:15 p.m. and the Varsity game will follow.

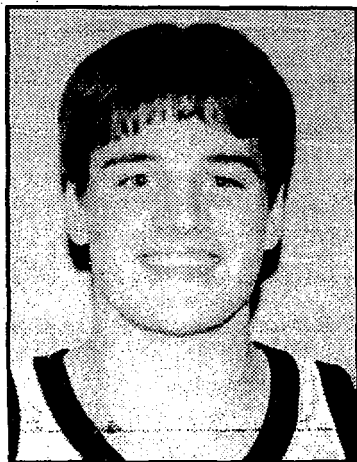
If the Varsity team wins they will secure a tie with Valley Lutheran and Ogemaw Heights for the Northeast Michigan Conference title.



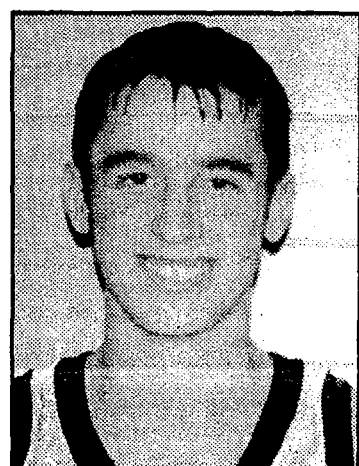
LONG SHOT -- Viking Nate Beckwith, who had a great game against Gaylord, lets fly with a long one.



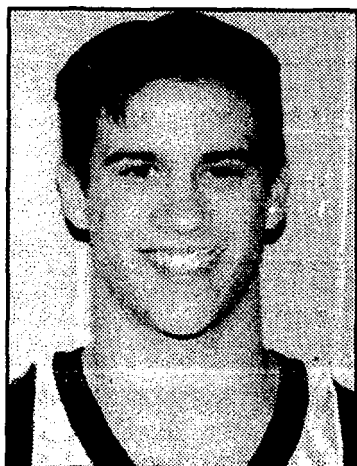
Junior Jeremy Jones-#44
5'11" guard. Showed offensive capabilities when needed. Heads-up defender.



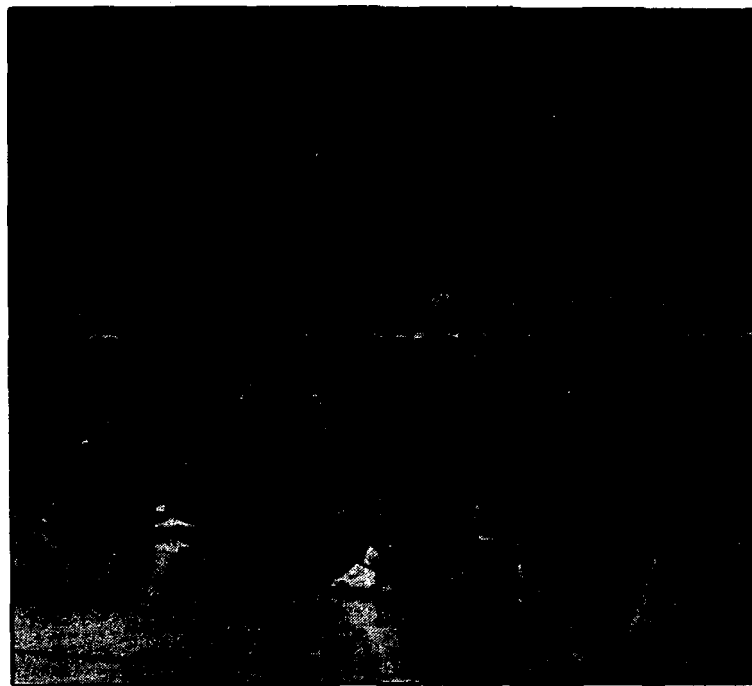
Junior Brad Ritter-#50
6'3" forward. Tough rebounder and great defender.



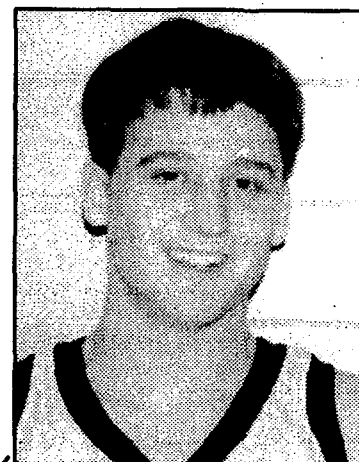
Sophomore Nate Hinkle-#23
6'2" captain and guard. Leading scorer whose 3 pointers and dunks during the season gave the vikies momentum.



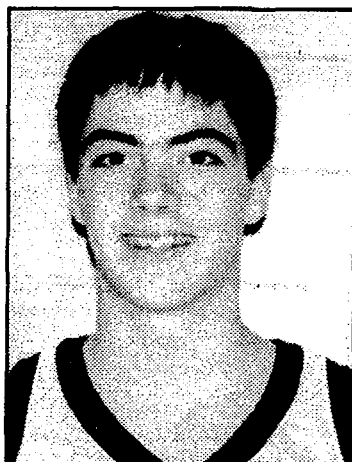
Senior Travis Parkinson-#20
5'10" guard. Very quick defender who was one of the teams top stealers.



LEFT HANDED -- Brad Ritter shoots from the top of the key.



Junior Pete Mead-#42
5'8" guard. Quick defender and solid shooter.



Junior Mike Ostwald-#30
6'0" forward. Excellent rebounder and solid defensive player.

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Sophomore Dave Hawkins-#55
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Five freshmen beat Blue Devils basketball team

The Grayling High School freshmen boys basketball team suited up only five players for its March 2 home matchup against the Gaylord Blue Devils. Marcus Bobenmoyer, Dave Golnick, Jorry Harland, Max Schreiner and Chris Youngblood played the entire game and downed Gaylord 70-58.

The Vikings jumped out to an early lead and stayed ahead the entire game. At the end of the first period Grayling led 16-7.

In the second quarter the five Vikings maintained their lead with a steady attack, capitalizing on Gaylord's ineffective three point shooting. With two minutes left in the first half Gaylord began full court pressure defense and managed to cut the Grayling lead to six, 31-25.

The Vikings had led by as many as 17.

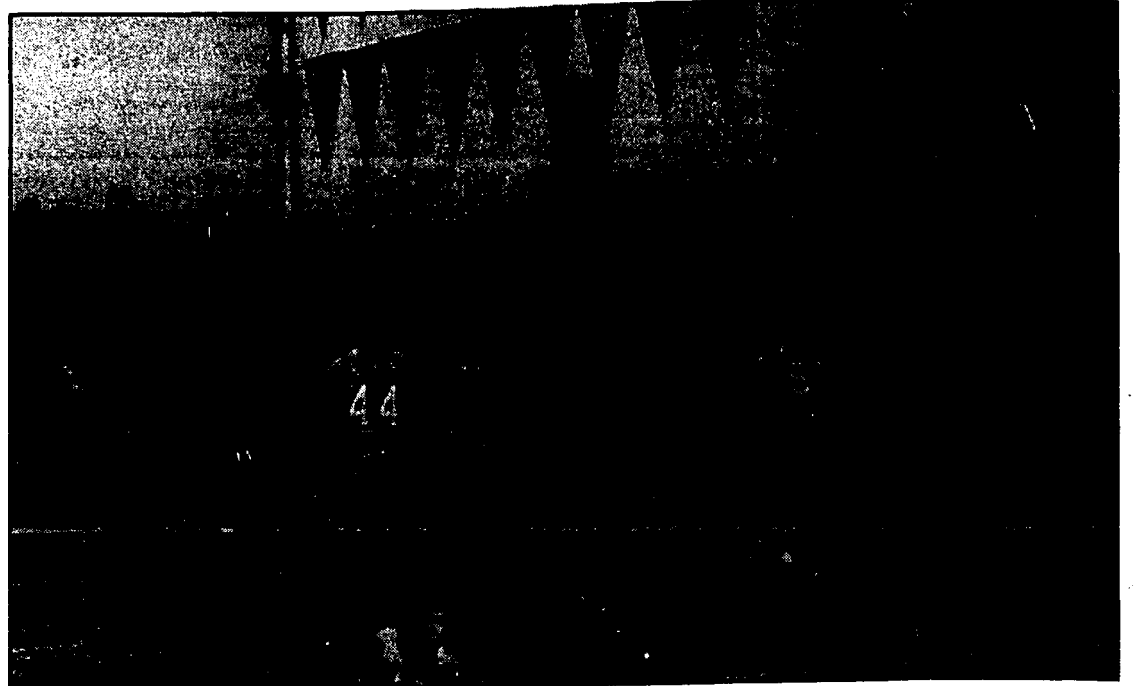
In the third quarter the Blue Devils brought out the full court press against the Grayling freshmen creating turnovers and scoring opportunities. Half-way into the period Gaylord cut the lead to two, 35-33.

As the fourth quarter approached Grayling started to pull away again. Golnick converted a three point play to put the Vikings up nine.

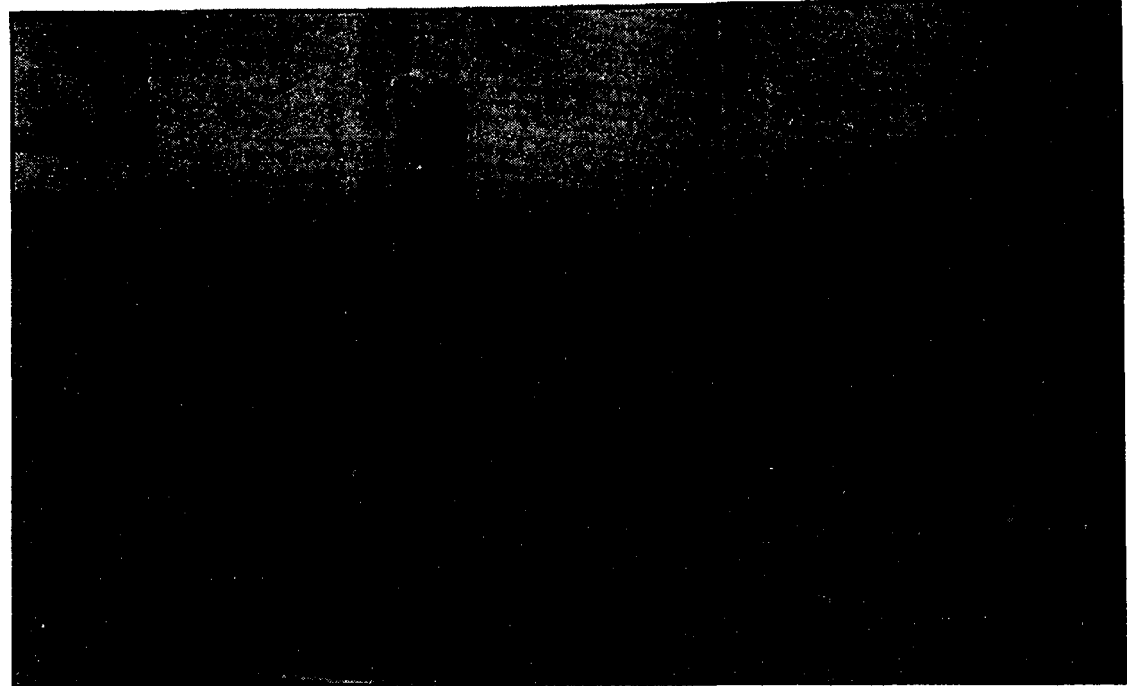
Early in the final period Gaylord's Jake Bakbridge hit a three pointer to put the Blue Devils within one, but Grayling started to heat up again. Youngblood was fouled on a three point attempt and hit all three free throws to make the score 60-53 in favor of Grayling.

The Vikings went on to win the game by a margin of twelve.

Youngblood ended up as the top Viking scorer with 23. Bobenmoyer had 18 points, Golnick 13, Schreiner 10 and Harland six in the amazing effort.



NO SUBS -- Marcus Bobenmoyer, one of the five dressed Vikings, takes a short jumper.



FAST BREAK CHANCE -- Dave Golnick goes up for a shot after beating the full court press.

Viking Frosh overtime loss to Saginaw ends chance for conference leadership

by David Golnick
Student Writer

The Grayling Vikings freshman Boys Basketball team took a hard blow in a 69-67 overtime loss to the Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chargers on Feb. 23 -- a loss which knocked the Vikings out of contention for first place in the Freshman League.

The first quarter featured a tightly fought game, with Saginaw controlling the rebounds and scoring often in the paint, but Grayling holding on by hitting numerous three-pointers and long field goals. The game started to open up offensively at the end of the quarter when both teams started to tire but neither offense could convert much. Score at the end of the quarter was a 13-11 Grayling lead.

The second quarter showed added

signs of early fatigue as sloppy ball handling by both teams led to frequent turnovers. The Chargers took a four-point lead midway through the quarter and held on as the Vikings bombarded them with shots from all over the court. The bombardment was unsuccessful, however, as the Vikes missed more than 75 percent of their shots. The score at half-time was 30-27 Saginaw Valley.

In the third quarter, the Chargers quickly took momentum from the Vikings with a series of long but successful plays that left the Vikings gasping for air. When Saginaw had worn down the Grayling defenders, they switched to a run and gun offense which turned into quick points as they flew by the Vikings on fast break after fast break. After this Charger onslaught, the score was 47-39 Saginaw going into the fourth quarter.

Events that made up the fourth quarter of this game were, in the least, heroic. The quarter started the same as the previous period, but after a crucial timeout by the Vikings in the middle of the quarter, something seemed to awaken inside every team member. Like an old soldier going into battle for the last time, the Vikings marched onto the court with a new fire in their eyes. They would not give up this ground

easily.

After a brilliant show of fantastic fireworks by the Grayling offense, which lit up the net with a few three-pointers, the Vikings could sense the game was not yet lost. The caged animal that was their defense finally was let loose, and the Vikings created many steals and turnovers by Valley to close to within one point of tying the game. The Chargers, sensing their victory margin quickly diminishing, rallied for a final run at building their lead. They succeeded in stacking a five-point lead over the Vikings with one minute to play in the game.

All that happened in that final one minute of time changed the entire game.

After a quick steal by Marcus Bobenmoyer followed by an easy lay-up and a miraculous three pointer by Chris Youngblood, the game headed into overtime.

The overtime period, though not as exciting as the fourth quarter, was a great battle. The Vikings for the first time since the first quarter, took a small lead. But with a few minutes left to go, Grayling totally ran out of gas and could not keep up with the Chargers. Grayling fell 69-67 to this final Saginaw charge.

Varsity basketball downed by Blue Devils at Gaylord

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling varsity basketball team lost a Tuesday night battle against the Gaylord Blue Devils despite strong offensive efforts by starter Nathan Hinkle and Nate Beckwith off the bench.

Hinkle scored 30 and Beckwith dumped in 23.

Gaylord jumped out to an early 5-0 lead in the February 24 contest. The Vikings fought back and ended the first quarter on a three point play by David Hawkins to take an 18-17 lead.

Half way into the second period both teams were into penalty and capitalizing on free throw attempts. Late in the half Beckwith hit a couple of three point shots to put Grayling ahead 36-34. The teams traded punches

and Gaylord emerged with a slight edge at halftime, 45-44.

Grayling was plagued by turnovers in the second half, but Beckwith's solid three point shooting in the third period kept the Vikings close. He hit four of his seven triples in the third quarter.

The early part of the final quarter featured a close struggle. Key buckets were dumped in by Hinkle, Beckwith and Brad Ritter, who converted a pair of free throws following a Blue Devil offensive foul. The shots gave Grayling a 78-75 edge, but Gaylord eventually regained the lead after taking advantage of a few Viking turnovers.

With a minute left in the game Grayling's offense struggled and the Blue Devils scored six unanswered points to get the 94-84 victory.

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'These guys can do it,' Coach says

Hopkins, Malonen, Evon headed for state

by Debi Hopkins
Special Writer

Three Grayling High School wrestlers have earned their way into the Michigan High School State Wrestling Tournament.

Alma High School hosted this year's individual regional wrestling tournament last weekend.

Grayling High School sent three wrestlers — Matt Evon at 103 pounds, Ben Malonen at 140, and Mark Hopkins at 152 — to compete for the opportunity to continue on to the State Individual Tournament March 13 and 14 Kalamazoo.

Each of the 14 weight classes featured eight wrestlers, and only the top four from each weight class would continue to state competition. All three of the Viking wrestlers placed in the top four.

Mark Hopkins placed second at 152 pounds. Hopkins won his first match against John Hall from Belding with a final score of 9-4. He met Tom Demetroff from Benzie Central in the semi-finals and beat him 9-8. In the final round, Hopkins faced Jeremiah Gitchell from Tri-City and lost a close match with a final score of 8-7.

Ben Malonen placed third at 140 pounds. Malonen lost his first match against Whitehall wrestler

Garth Dalson. If Malonen lost another match, he would lose the opportunity to continue to state competition. Malonen won his next three matches.

Grayling Coach Ferguson commented: "Malonen lost an important first match but fought his way back with great control to take third in Regionals."

Matt Evon placed third at 103 pounds. Evon won his first match against Central Montcalm wrestler Sampson Coston. He lost against Gladwin and then won his two remaining matches.

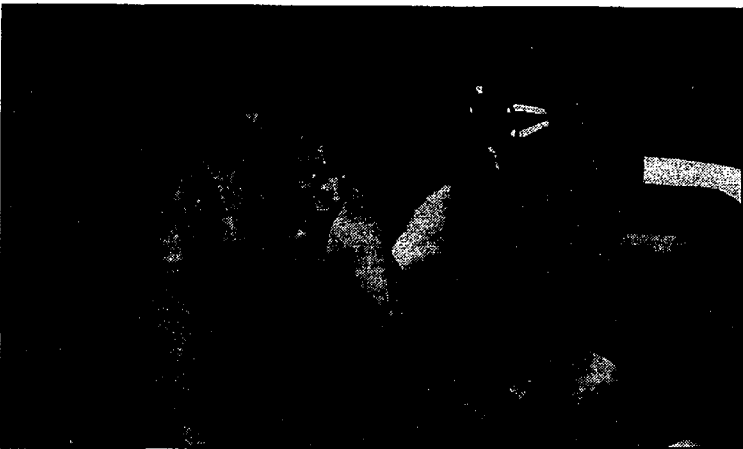
"He overpowered his opponents," Coach Ferguson said of Evon, "and qualified for State as a sophomore."

This trio of Vikings will have two weeks to train hard for the State competition where four regions — consisting of the top wrestlers in each weight class — will meet to determine which wrestlers will place in the Michigan State finals.

Coach Ferguson said, "I think the guys are physically and mentally ready for this competition. Our goal is to train to win. State finals consist of the top 16 wrestlers in each weight division for the whole state. There won't be any easy matches at State, but these guys can do it."



MIGHTY MALONEN -- Grayling wrestler, Ben Malonen, right, applies a strong cross face to his opponent.



FACE OFF -- Mark Hopkins, right, faces off with Tom Demetroff of Benzie Central during regional semi-finals.

Junior Varsity hoops loses close game at Gaylord

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling Junior Varsity basketball team lost a close road contest to the Blue Devils of Gaylord.

The Viking offense struggled early at the February 24 matchup. With a minute remaining in the first period Gaylord had jumped to a 14-7 lead, but the Vikings then scored six unanswered points to pull within one going into the second quarter.

The two teams battled back and forth in a very physical contest, with both teams going into penalty early. The Vikes went into the locker room at halftime with a two point lead following a pair of Kevin Jansen free throws.

Gaylord's full court pressure defense caused problems for the Grayling offense in the final half. The Blue

Devils started to pull away at the end of the third period due to a few Grayling turnovers and a late Gaylord three pointer. The Blue Devils led 48-39 going into the fourth quarter.

Near the end of the game Grayling started breaking the Gaylord team's press for quick scores. This, coupled with solid Viking rebounding and a Jansen three pointer, put Grayling within three.

With 13 seconds left in the game Grayling picked off the Devils' in bounds pass and converted for two. Following a Grayling foul Gaylord made the first of two free throws and brought down a key rebound after missing the second. The Vikings were forced to foul and Gaylord hit both shots from the charity stripe, leading to the final score of 66-62 in favor of the Blue Devils.



CONTROL FACTOR -- Matt Evon, left, fights for control of his Kalkaska opponent in a take-down attempt.

Young Grayling wrestlers capture 32 medals in exciting matches

The Grayling Middle School wrestlers and Grayling Recreation Authority youth wrestlers had a super home tournament Saturday (Feb. 28)

It was a busy day with some exciting matches, and 32 went home with medals. Winners included:

First place winners: Chris Johns, Any Palmer, Larry Baynham, Nate Haskel, Brandon Pratt, Dustin Partello, Zach VanNuck, Daryl Babbitt, Doug Flicker, Joe Ferrigan, Bill Stewart, Issac VanNuck, Mykel Revord and Juell Joseph.

Second place winners: Adam

Malone, Jesse CdeBaca, Zach Wegner, Brian Borchers, Matt Larson, Eli VanNuck, Timmy VanNuck, Jim Boylan, Stephan Grove, Zach Rochette.

Third place winners: Shawn Vanluchene, Roy Middleton, Eric Hunter, Michael Barry, Daniel CdeBaca, Keith Revord, Corey Metzger, Eric Madill.

The wrestlers will be traveling to Houghton Lake high school Saturday (March 7). Wrestling will start at 9:30 a.m. Admission is \$1 and breakfast is from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

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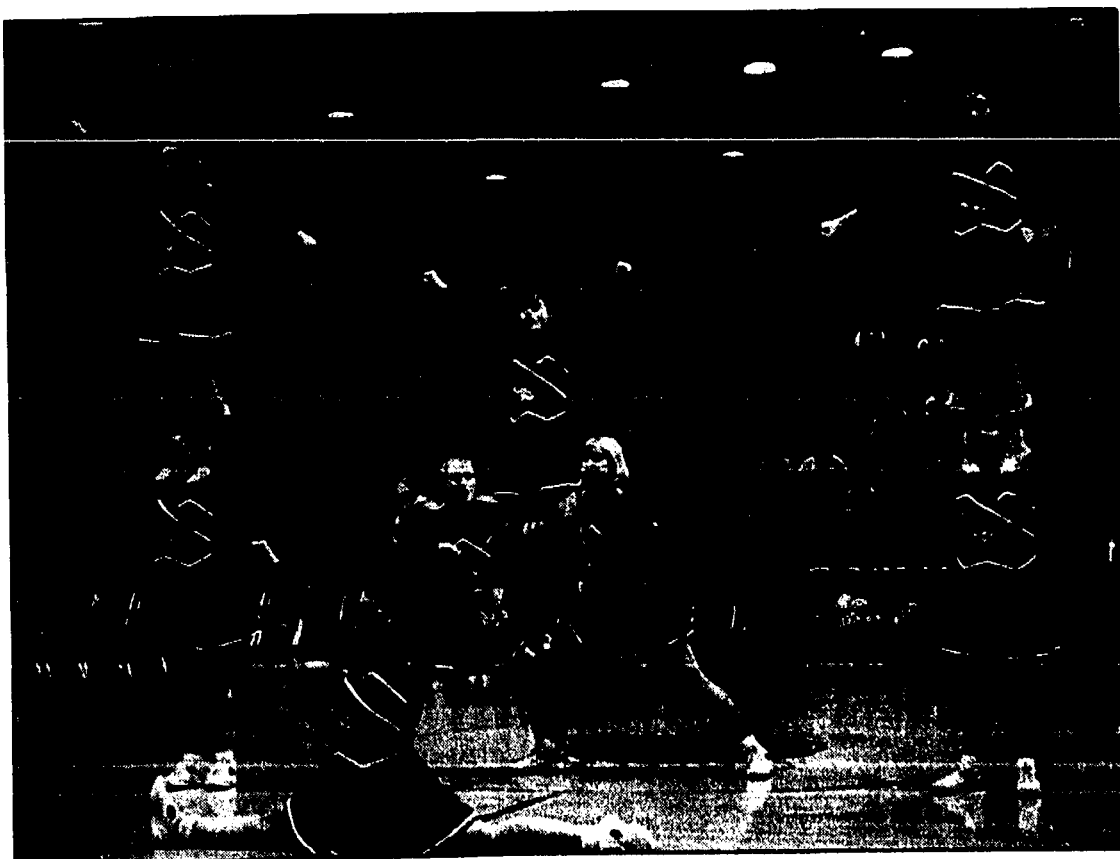
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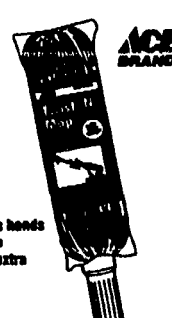


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The Grayling High School girls volleyball team will play its first game in the district tournament at Petoskey High School following the Kalkaska versus Cheboygan game at 9 a.m.

Grayling and Petoskey both got first round byes and will play each other in the second round of the Saturday, March 7 tournament.

The winner of the district tournament will advance to the regionals, which Grayling will host.

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READY TO SET AND SERVE -- The Viking Girls' Varsity Volleyball team will travel to Petoskey to compete in the district tournament on March 7. (Back row, from left to right) Nicole Craigie, Krystal Savoy, Kathy Wyman, Nicole Osga, Erin Smith. (Middle row, left to right) Amy Godlewski, Jenny Phillips, Lindsay Voelker, Melanie Paxton, Kristi Cadeau. (Front row, left to right) Jamie McGuire, Mandy Trudgeon. Missing from photo: Coach Rebecca Brown, Coach Jenny Swander.

Newspapers deliver!

89%

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Grayling, MI 49738
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MENS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Week 9 results - Mens basketball League Feb. 24 and 26, 1998
Game #1 - Spikes, 62 — Lange Vending, 29

Patterson - 20, Krey - 12, Potter - 12, Thompson - 10, Church - 8 / Longendyke - 19, Jung - 4, R. Harland - 2, Hannum - 2, Butler - 2.

Game #2 - Sawmill, 90 — Weyerhaeuser, 60

T. Doremire - 19, M. Doremire - 15, P. Trudgeon - 12, Burrell - 12, Dittenber - 12, Winton - 12, T. Trudgeon - 5, Bonamie - 3 / Trenary - 17, Dandy - 8, Ramsey - 8, Ruddy - 8, Grant - 5, Hines - 5, Bickford - 4, Hull - 2, McGregor - 2, Leng - 1.

Game #3 - Holiday Inn, 71 — Baynams, 58

Hamlin - 20, Bonamie - 15, Mertes - 12, Swope - 11, Smith - 6, Dean - 5, Weaver - 2 / Youngblood - 18, E. Baynham - 16, Hurd - 12, Neal - 6, T. Baynham - 4, Perry - 2.

Standings after Week #9

W	L
Spikes	7 0
Sawmill	6 1
Holiday Inn	4 3
Weyerhaeuser	3 4
Baynham Forest Products	1 6
Lange Vending	0 7

Week #9 concluded the regular season. The playoffs begin on March 3. The championship game will be on March 10 at 7 p.m. Don't forget, money needs to be turned in as soon as possible for the banquet held on March 20th.

Merry Christmas

Did you miss the Christmas computer specials? To introduce itself to the community, Crawford & Otsego counties' newest computer systems builder, Jurkovich Computer Systems, brings you this special offer to you!

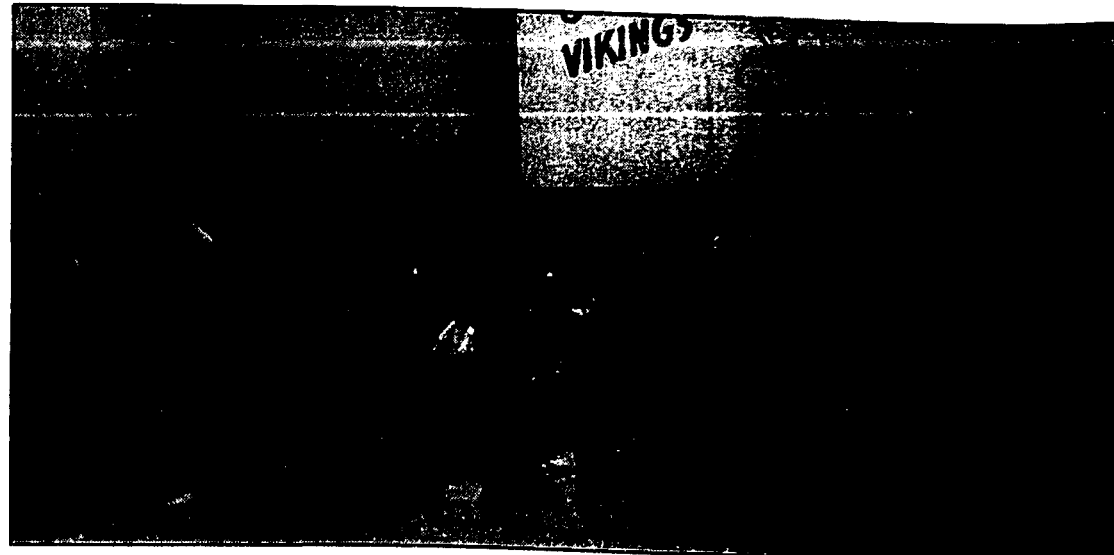
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SPIRITED MOVEMENT -- The Grayling Vikings Pom Pon Squad perform their halftime routine for the crowd at a recent basketball game at Grayling High School.

BOWLING LEAGUE

National First

Northern White Tail	22
Moore's Auto Parts	21
Legion & D. Ross Const.	19
Weyerhaeuser	16
Forest Brothers	14
City Environmental	10
Corky's D.J. & Karaoke	9
Guns & Grubs	1
High Game: T. Sheldon, 237; D. Canfield, 226; C. Yost, 221.	
High Series: D. Canfield, 635; T. Sheldon, 632; P. Faustman, 588.	

Senior Citizens League

Tees N' Such R' Us	54.5-41.5
Buccilli's Pizza	53-43
Stevens Family Circle	50-46
Baynham Forest Products	49.5-46.5
Totten's Body Shop	49-47
Cornell Realty	45.5-50.5
Flowers By Josie	41.5-54.5
Sylvester's Sports	41-55
Men's High Game: D. Canfield, 225; G. Wolfe, 212; J. Rasmussen, 203.	
Men's High Series: D. Canfield, 623; G. Wolfe, 562; J. Rasmussen, 551.	
Women's High Game: P. Essiambre, 188; T. Stedry, 170; B. Harmer, 166.	
Women's High Series: P. Essiambre, 517; T. Stedry, 433; R. Gierke, 403.	

Recreation League

Glen's Market	19-13
Peterson Saw Service	19-13
North Country R.V.	18.5-13.5
Mickey Perez CPA	15.5-16.5
Scheer Motors	14.5-17.5
Mark 8	14-18
Cornell's	14-18
Fun-N-Sun Rental	13.5-18.5
High Game: L. Dellar, K. Moshier, 202; D. Armstrong, 188; K. Schmidt, D. Lobsinger, 180.	
High Series: K. Moshier, 543; L. Dellar, 505; V. Balmes, 492.	

Triangle League

Milltown Carpet	35-19
Airway Automation	31-13
Barber Construction	26-18
C.S.I.	22-22
Moshier Auto Repair	20-24
A Team	18-26
Jackson Trio	13-31
Cal Schreiber Bldr.	11-33
High Game: T. Devins, 230; T. Everly, 210; M. Sumner, 202.	
High Series: T. Devins, 596; T. Everly, 554; A. Angove, 545.	

American Men's League

McLean's Ace	5-2
Red Barn	5-2
Stitches by Sue	5-2
Buccilli's	4-3
Burnside RV	3-4
Upper Lakes	2-5
Fenton's Auto	2-5
Northwood's Land	2-5
High Game: D. Germain, 237; D. Canfield, 235; P. Faustman, 213.	
High Series: D. Germain, 574; R. Moshier, 572; D. Canfield, 570.	

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arthur A. SCHMIDT, single person and Dawn M. ATCHISON, a single person (Original Mortgages) to UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 6, 1993 and recorded on October 13, 1993 in Liber 366, on Page 511, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION as assignee, by an assignment dated November 28, 1997 which was recorded on January 22, 1998 in Liber 445, on Page 599, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen And 12/100 dollars (\$32,513.12), including interest at 10.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, March 18, 1998.

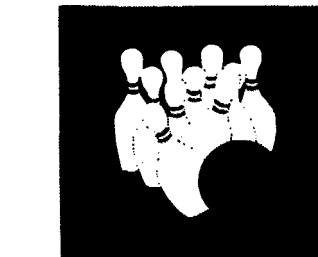
Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A: The West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Parcel B: That part of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, lying North of State Highway M-72, in Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Parcel C: That part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying North of State Highway M-72. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 5, 1998
UNITED COMPANIES LENDING



Northwood League

Helsel Brothers	22
Rich's Cycle Service	21
Wakeley's Auto Parts	20.5
R & M Masonary	17
R. Calkins & Sons	14
Millikin's	13.5
Richette's	11
Milltown Carpet	9
High Game: M. Miller, 214; K. Schmidt, 203; L. Holtcamp, 191.	
High Series: M. Miller, 568; S. Romain, 545; L. Holtcamp, 516.	

Pioneer League

Ginger's	22-10
Custom Interior	21-11
Likinson's	18-14
Chemical Bank	16-16
Mercy Hospital	15-17
Avalanche	14-18
Lady Slippers	12-20
Aunt Betty's	10-22
High Game: B. Buskirk, 225; C. Jones, 215; S. France, 206.	
High Series: K. Moshier, 542; S. France, 535; C. Jones, 521.	

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Charles Country Corner	28-12
Stutts	28-12
Aunt Betty's	21-19
Moshier Auto Repair	21-19
AJD Forest Products	20-20
A. Bulldog Towing	19-21
Fick & Sons	12-28
Sawmill	11-29
Men's High Game: R. Moshier, 202; L. Rioux, 200; S. Hoover, 189.	
Men's High Series: L. Rioux, 540; R. Moshier, 515; E. Palmer, 469.	
Women's High Game: Y. Schreiber, 199; K. Moshier, 190, 186; K. Trudeau, 184.	
Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 515; Y. Schreiber, 488; S. France, 474.	

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League

Sawmill II	171
Sawmill I	140
Legion	139
Fredric Inn	138
Plaza	123
Spikes	111
5 ball run: Margo R. and Barb M. of Sawmill II, Kim G. of Sawmill I, and Lisa M. of Plaza.	
6 ball run: Beth P. of Sawmill I and Audrey H. of Legion.	
Won all six games: Melonie R. and Margo R. of Sawmill II.	

CORPORATION
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(248) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION,
30150 Telegraph
Suite 100
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File # 98010152

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 9th day of February 1998
Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Stevens, Golinick, Brown, Ruddy, Palmer. Members absent: None. Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kaye Ellen King, J.C. King, Norm Bancroft, Faye Bovee, Bob Bovee, Richard Millman, Dennis Palmer, Tim Smith, four citizens, Cindy Strong and two students from the Crawford County Drug Use Task Force.

Moved by Golinick, supported by Brown that the minutes of the meeting of January 26, 1998 be approved as presented. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Motion carried.

Public Hearing. None.
Citizens who wish to speak. None.
Communications were received and noted.

a. December 1997 Fire Department Report.

The Fire Chief is currently in the hospital.

b. New City Officials List.

c. County Board Agenda for February 12, 1998 and Minutes of the meeting of January 27, 1998.

Old Business. None.

New Business.

a. Crawford County Drug Use Task Force Presentation. A presentation was given by

LEGAL ACTION

Cindy Strong and two eighth grade students regarding the need for the community to become involved in substance abuse in the area. Substances abuse in the schools is a real problem and there is a need to set up a Drug Use Task Force coordinating with different departments and organizations. There is a need for community support and involvement, maybe a pledge campaign, students need more after school activities, doing community services, having mentoring groups, programs to be supervised. There will be a planning meeting of the Task Force on February 16, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Primary School. The City Council went on record as supporting this Crawford County Task Force and would like to send someone to attend this important meeting.

Reports of City Manager.

a. Mike Cox letter thanking Council for allowing him to speak at the last meeting.

b. Chamber of Commerce Industrial Committee meeting on February 6, 1998. Report on State land purchase progress.

c. M.M.L. Legislative Conference on March 25, 1998 in Lansing.

d. Chamber News Letter.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Ms. Palmer asked if City Engineer could do research on the streets now. Mr. Morford noted we need to wait until better weather and no snow in R.O.W.

b. Ms. Brown asked about sidewalk safety for children. Can we put an article in the paper asking all residents to keep walks clear so people can walk.

c. Ms. Brown asked how Terry McGregor our new City Treasurer is doing and if we would get a treasurer report soon. Mr. Morford noted we need to clean up the data from November and December before we can have a February or March report.

Adjournment.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golinick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford,

City Manager & City Clerk

Notice of Public Hearing before the Michigan Strategic Fund Issuance of Limited Obligation Revenue Bonds on behalf of Northern Pure Ice Co., L.L.C.

The Michigan Strategic Fund (the "MSF") will hold a public hearing at 8:30 a.m. at the MSF's offices located on the Fifth floor of the G. Mennen Williams Building, 525 West Ottawa, Lansing, Michigan on the 18th day of March, 1998, on the issuance of bonds by the MSF on behalf of Northern Pure Ice Co., L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company (the "Company"), to assist the Company in financing the acquisition of land and an existing approximately 9,000 square foot manufacturing facility, the construction of an approximately 7,000 square foot addition to the manufacturing facility and the acquisition and installation of machinery and equipment all to be located at 427 South I-75 Business Loop, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan (the "Project"). The Project will be owned and operated by the Company for the manufacture, housing and distribution of ice products. The bonds are proposed to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Two Million Two hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000). The bonds shall be limited obligations of the MSF, payable only from loan repayments to be made by the Company to the MSF and other security provided by the Company. The bonds will not constitute an indebtedness of the State of Michigan or Grayling Township within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision and will not constitute or give rise to a charge against the general credit of the MSF or the credit or taxing power of the State of Michigan or Grayling Township. The MSF has no taxing power. The hearing shall provide the fullest opportunity for expression of opinion, for argument on the merits and for introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the nature and location of the Project and the proposed issuance of bonds. Written comments will also be accepted by the MSF, but must be received on or before the date of the hearing.

Dated: February 25, 1998
Gordon B. Alexander,
Loan Administrator
Michigan Strategic Fund

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

Beginning March 9, 1998, the fees for dog licenses will double. Fees for male or female dogs will change from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Fees for spayed or neutered dogs will change from \$3.00 to \$6.00

Licenses may be purchased from the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Crawford County Animal Shelter, or the Crawford County Treasurer's Office.

19-26-5

NOTICE TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 1998, at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public at the township hall on:

Monday, March 9, 1998 • 9 a.m. - 12 noon & 1-4 pm
Friday, March 13, 1998 • 1-4 pm & 6-9 pm

Tentative ratios for Maple Forest:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Residential	50	1.00000
Agricultural	50	1.00000
Commercial	50	1.00000
Industrial	50	1.00000

Mark D. Knies
Supervisor

19-26-12

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting and Public Hearing February 10, 1998

Members present 7:00 p.m.: Melvin Nunn, John Medler, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright, 7:30 p.m.: Ruth O'Mara.

Members absent: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: 7:00 p.m.: None. 7:30 p.m.: Dan Reszka, Dave Wyman, S.M. Naomi Halysko.

Supervisor Wright opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding the proposed draft of the Grayling Township Recreation Plan at 7:00 p.m.

Written observations from Jack Pilon, 1175 AuSable Trail, that the plan is well prepared and depicts realistic goals was read and placed on file.

No citizens present offering comments. No correspondence on file.

Board discussion regarding inclusion of road ends and perhaps boat launches at Lake Margrethe once issues have been clarified by current litigation.

Motion by Ashton, support by Nunn, to close public hearing at 7:17 p.m. Ayes: five, Absent: O'Mara, motion carried.

Recess.

Supervisor Wright called the regular meeting of the Grayling Township Board to order at 7:30 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Nunn, support by O'Mara, to approve minutes of January 13, 1998 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for January 1998 was read and placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE: (No action required)

46th Circuit Trial Court '97 Annual Report; Crawford AuSable School District Board Happenings for 1-19-98, Crawford County 911 Report 12/97, Kirtland Community College Newsletter.

1. Dan Reszka introduced himself as Republican candidate for 105th District Michigan State House of Representatives in the 1998 Primary Election.

BUSINESS:

2. Sister Naomi Halysko and Dave Wyman presented information to the Board regarding Habitat For Humanity of Crawford County.

Crawford County's first house is in AuSable Woods Subdivision located in Grayling Township and was completed and dedicated November 23, 1997.

The group is requesting a grant from Grayling Township to be used in the revolving fund towards the construction of future Habitat For Humanity homes in Crawford County.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton, to table action on donation to Habitat For Humanity until legality of contribution can be obtained from Michigan Townships Association legal counsel. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton, to accept request by Erich Christman to reschedule appeal hearing of Case 97-9C due to his legal counsel being out of town. Rescheduled hearing to be held May 12, 1998. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Nunn, support by O'Mara, to present letters of appreciation and \$25.00 savings bonds to James Lawrence and Robert S. Belcher for their contributions to the Grayling Township logo contest. Included is a stipulation that if the designs, or portions thereof are adopted as the logo the artist will be awarded \$50 to \$200 savings bond. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Ashton, support by Nunn, to adopt the Grayling Township Recreation Plan, with the understanding that the plan is to be reviewed on a yearly basis by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees and modified and revised to meet the recreation needs of the people of Grayling Township at least every five years, with the consent and by majority vote of the board. Motion also authorizes Supervisor to integrate minor recommendations of State reviewing agency, if any, prior to grant application deadline. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Frederic Township's request to contract with Grayling Township for Building and Zoning services has been amended. Frederic Township will handle their own zoning and enforcement (or contract elsewhere). Permit and inspection

procedures for building, electrical, plumbing and/or mechanical permits have been researched and drafted. The Supervisor and Building Dept. personnel believe contracting out these services is feasible. Frederic Township must first adopt BOCA building codes and devise a way to provide property information in a disc format. Liability issues are still being researched.

7. Letters of inquiry sent to property owners using Old Lake Road, Shaw Park Road, and roads in Sherwood Forest Subdivision, regarding willingness to participate in Special Assessment Districts for maintenance/improvements to said roads generated little interest. Supervisor recommends setting aside these projects for the time being but suggests proceeding with development of a policy to set aside funds for future road improvement.

8. Supervisor's Report: Wright requests incentives for recycling. Got any ideas? Call the Grayling Township Office.

Grayling Township mechanical and plumbing inspections begin February 16, 1998.

9. Building and Zoning Department Report for Jan/Feb of 1998 was read and placed on file. Recycling Center Report for January was read and placed on file.

10. Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton, to approve bills on vouchers 19291 - 19294, 19322, 19336-19364, Guardian Dental \$487.30, Bd. & Comm. fees \$503.00 for a total of \$21,573.48. Ayes: Nunn, Medler, Ashton, O'Mara, Wright, Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. Motion to adjourn by O'Mara, support by Ashton, carried. All ayes.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.

Grayling Township Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE PROBATE COURT

FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Estate of Clarence E. Wygant, deceased

FILE No. 97-00564-IE

NOTICE OF DISTRIBUTION

TO: LARRY JOHNSON and to his unknown presumptive heirs and devisees

RICHARD GALUSKY and to his unknown presumptive heirs and devisees

DONNAJO WYGANT and to her unknown presumptive heirs and devisees

RONALD WYGANT and to his unknown presumptive heirs and devisees

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless cause to the contrary is shown, on July 6, 1998, an Order of Distribution will be made by the Court for the portion(s) in question as though the disappeared heirs or devisees listed above have predeceased the decedent named herein, who died on January 1, 1997.

Dated: February 24, 1998

JANICE WYGANT GREEN,

Personal Representative

DOUGLAS C. DOSSON (P26312)

Attorney at Law

PO Box 593, 408 Lake St.

Roscommon, Mich. 48653

(517) 275-5284

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NOTICE

CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING & REHABILITATION COMMISSION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are accepting applications for an opening on the Crawford County Housing & Rehabilitation Commission through Wednesday, March 18, 1998 @ 4:00 pm. Interested applicants must be residents of Crawford County.

Applications may be obtained from Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds

227/98

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NOTICE

CITY OF GRAYLING

BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on the following dates, at the specified times:

DATE

Monday, March 9, 1998 9 am to 12 noon, 1 pm to 5 pm

Tuesday, March 10, 1998 9 am to 12 noon, 1 pm to 5 pm

Saturday, March 21, 1998 9 am to 12 noon

CLASS TENTATIVE RATIO FACTOR

Commercial 50.00 1.0000

Industrial 50.00 1.0000

Residential 50.00 1.0000

Larry D. Hunter, CMAE 4

City Assessor

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NOTICE

TAXPAYERS OF FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 7564 County Rd. 612, Frederic, MI, on the following dates:

TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC				TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING				TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING				TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING				TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING				TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS			
Lot	Description	Tax	Area	Lot	Description	Tax	Area	Lot	Description	Tax	Area	Lot	Description	Tax	Area	Lot	Description	Tax	Area	Lot	Description	Tax	Area
237	20-032-160-000-420-00	1995	267.45	287	20-040-012-012-00-00	1995	447.81	319	20-040-023-11-04-00	1995	989.33	361	20-040-023-11-04-00	1995	2,263.09	413	20-010-11-02-01-00-00	1995	44.29	480	20-010-11-02-01-00-00	1995	44.29
238	20-032-180-000-140-00	1995	97.91	288	20-040-012-012-00-00	1995	195.88	320	20-040-023-11-04-00	1995	521.01	362	20-040-023-11-04-00	1995	1,713.73	414	20-010-11-02-01-00-00	1995	44.29	481	20-010-11-02-01-00-00	1995	44.29
239	20-032-180-000-140-00	1995	326.02	289	20-040-012-012-00-00	1995	195.88	321	20-040-023-11-04-00	1995	521.01	363	20-040-023-11-04-00	1995	1,713.73	415	20-010-11-02-01-00-00	1995	44.29	482	20-010-11-02-01-00-00	1995	44.29
240	20-032-180-000-140-00	1995	326.02	290	20-040-012-012-00-00	1995	195.88	322	20-040-023-11-04-00	1995	521.01	364	20-040-023-11-04-00	1995	1,713.73	416	20-010-11-02-01-00-00	1995	44.29	483	20-010-11-02-01-00-00	1995	44.29
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For The Week Of March 8-14

ARIES March 21-April 20

Play it cool when dealing with a difficult person at work this week. By not letting him/her get to you, you'll gain the respect of many people you work with. Then celebrate with a special dinner for you and your partner at a fun restaurant.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

Don't try to juggle too many things at once. If you do, something will suffer, and you don't want it to be your family. If you've been hunting for a special gift for a special person, this is the weekend to scour the specialty shops. You'll find just what you are looking for.

GEMINI May 22-June 21

Things should slow down at work this week but don't think the rush is over. Take a deep breath and prepare yourself for things to come. Prepare your mind for the next rush by getting away this weekend. Just make sure it's a relaxing getaway, such as a spa or resort.

CANCER June 22-July 22

Take time to organize your life. It will boost your morale and give you a leg up on getting your personal and work projects done. It will also free up more time for your family. Remember to set aside time for a person who has meant a lot in your life.

LEO July 23-August 23

Concentrate on domestic concerns this week. Put your family ahead of work, and you'll find solutions to some problems that have been dragging on. Consider making a long-term investment. It may affect your daily life, and it will be beneficial for the future.

VIRGO August 24-September 22

Concentrate on getting through a complicated project this week. It will take the pressure off you and make you feel a lot better about yourself and your coworkers. Be sure to give credit where credit is due. Organize a group outing to celebrate.

LIBRA September 23-October 23

If you feel as if you've been stuck in the same old rut for awhile, don't fret. Refocus your energies on old interests. Start by reevaluating where the majority of your time is invested. Also work on renewing some old and dear friendships.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22

With just a little boost, a dream that's been eluding you could come true this week. Use your creativity to push it along. Be sure to set aside some quality time for certain family members this week. They will really be depending on your help.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

There could be light at the end of the tunnel when it comes to your workload. Stay positive and be willing to give your all until help arrives. Be sure to keep a tight hold on your finances this week. A special item may interest you, but think before you leap.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20

Check your calendar and be sure you are not missing out on something you committed to this week. There's still time to fit an important event into your schedule. Plan an extended family get-together, and be sure not to leave anyone out.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18

Things may seem tense at work. Keep up your sense of humor and be willing to help others. A number of people will be impressed by your attitude. To help you unwind from the week, take time out for yourself. Get away alone, even if it's just for the afternoon.

PISCES February 19-March 20

Watch your finances this week. Take extra steps not to overextend yourself. It will pay off big in the future. Consider taking a self-improvement workshop or class. It will be a great way to relax, and you'll be able to apply what you learn to your home and work life.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK RIO GRANDE WRAPS

(Makes 6 Servings)

1 1/2 lb. lean ground beef
1/2 c. chopped onion
1/2 t. dried oregano leaves, crumbled
1/2 t. ground cinnamon
4 T. Soy Sauce, divided
1 T. all-purpose flour
1/2 c. chopped green bell pepper
1/2 c. chopped red bell pepper
1/2 c. golden or seedless raisins
6 (10") flour tortillas, warmed

amount of meat mixture on each tortilla; fold and wrap to enclose.

Each serving: 500 calories, 20g fat, 70 mg chole., 998 mg sodium, 52g carb., 28g protein.

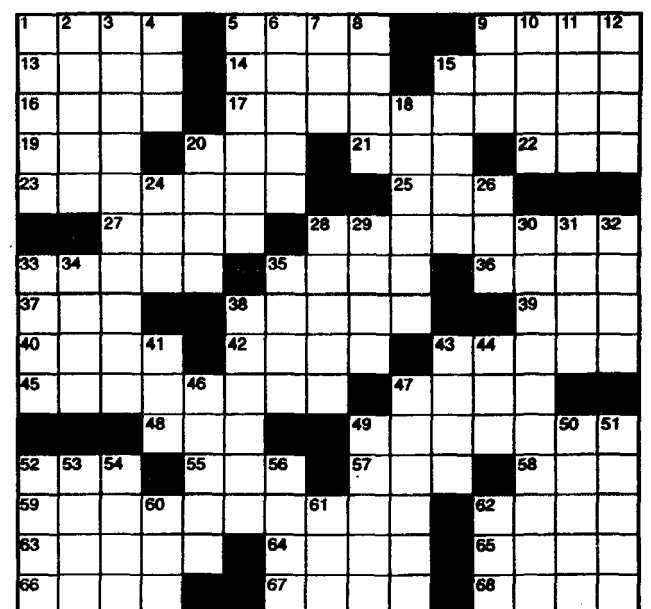
WHAT'S FOR DINNER TONIGHT?



Brown beef with onion, oregano and cinnamon in large skillet over high heat. Sprinkle flour evenly over meat mixture; stir in to combine. Add 3 Tbsp. soy sauce and bell peppers; cook 1 minute, or until peppers are tender, yet crisp, stirring constantly. Spoon desired



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ACROSS

1. Heroine of *Born Free*
5. Moby Dick's enemy
9. Screen
13. Tool for driving stakes
14. Blow one's top
15. True Grit star
16. In one's (drunk)
17. 1959 Jean-Luc Godard film
19. "I saw Elba"
20. Policeman
21. Izzy's prohibition-agent partner
22. Pointillism unit
23. Breadwinners
25. Football announcer Dawson
27. Commotions
28. Chopin wrote 24
33. Catapult over
35. Cattle mash
36. Actor Bibby
37. Deadly snake
38. film *Talks* (1984)
39. Winter ill
40. Run into
42. Ohio city
43. Communion item
45. Beles' props

47. Hamlet's phrase
48. Kitty's cry
52. Frequently, to Keats
55. Ump's cousin
57. Classifieds
58. Geological age
59. Spot for monkey bars
62. "Con" man
63. Indian home
64. Symbol of hope
65. Gelid
66. Percolate
67. Senator Bumpers
68. Nothing more than

DOWN

1. Ed Sullivan or Bert Parks
2. Actress Dern
3. Colossal
4. Capp and Hirt
5. Bowers
6. Backbone of 101 Strings
7. Address abbr.
8. Ray of light
9. Actor Bisoglio
10. Sad Lady of the Lowlands (Dylan)
11. many words
12. we forget
15. "Fortune" teller of TV
18. University in Ohio
20. Copper
24. Nothing
26. Spent pencil
28. Beauty parlor sets, for short
29. Singer McEntire
30. Quarrel
31. Mademoiselle's pronoun
32. Traduce
33. Schtick it up on the piano
34. Voyaging
35. Come up short
38. Severe sneer
41. Highlander's hat
43. Bedouin garment
46. Suit material
47. Walk unsteadily
49. Artificial waterway
50. Fawning one
51. Like Paul Lynde's humor
52. Makes a choice
53. Take off
54. VCR "food"
56. Supermarket stock
60. Sure thing!
61. Lazy River
62. Point

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO February 27, 1975

Five Viking matmen qualify for regionals and they are: Don Vollmer, heavyweight; Jeff Schlaak, 112 lb.; Grant Byce, 126 lb.; Bill Kellogg, 98 lb.; and Carl Partello, 105 lb.

Mrs. Gene Rauch is now the Service Chairman for the Crawford County Unity of American Cancer Society. She is replacing Earl Burns who retired after many years of faithful service.

Snowmobile exhibition set for March 2 at 1 p.m. the Michigan Red Nites from Lansing will be at the Parade Ground of the National Guard Camp.

The County of Crawford expects to receive an additional allocation of C.E.T.A. Title VI funds within the next two weeks and contingent upon the receipt of the funds.

Eric E. Post announces the sale of Mill-Town Realty to G. Jerome Kessler, a long time resident of Grayling. Mr. Kessler assumed ownership of Mill-Town Realty on Feb. 21, 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sojka took the Rotary exchange student, Paulo Vaia, to Traverse City on Thursday evening for one of the five orientation programs that the Rotary students are required to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Pursisull are the parents of a baby girl, born February 6 at Traverse City Osteopathic Hospital. The little lady weighed in at 8 lbs. 8 ozs. and has been named Chris Lynn. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Peterson of Grayling and Mr. and Mrs. George Pursisull of Missouri.

Grayling High School's first team All-State halfback, Cliff Bonamic has signed a letter of intent to attend Saginaw Valley State College and accept an athletic scholarship to play football.

Celebrating their golden wedding

anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 16, were Ed and Thelma Papendick of Ithaca. Attending the event from Grayling were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Papendick, Mr. and Mrs. Kip Papendick, Charlene and Janet, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Papendick, Perry and Renee, and Mrs. Beatrice Tinker. Gene and Ed are brothers.

46 YEARS AGO February 28, 1952

Mr. and Mr. Richard Niederer (Donna Perry) are happy over the arrival of a daughter at Mercy Hospital on Feb. 23. The happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William LaRush and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Niederer.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller and son Gary of Bay City spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller. Gary, a recent arrival at the Miller home was born in Bay City December 19th.

Dick Souders arrived home from Memphis, Tenn. on Friday and spent until Sunday morning with his parents, the Harry Souders. Dick is attending a Naval Aviation Machinists Mates School there and plays in the voluntary band.

Mary Ann Engel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Engel, celebrated her birthday with a party at her home Saturday afternoon. Nine of her playmates came to take part in the games and contests that were planned. There was ice cream and a birthday cake decorated in pink and green, also favors for all. Mary Ann received many pretty gifts and cards.

Roy Milnes Jr. of M.S.C. East Lansing spent the weekend visiting his parents.

Albert Gierke who is stationed with the Navy in Muskegon spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gierke.

Elroy Barber is home from his work in the southern part of the state for about 6 weeks or until it warms

up.

69 YEARS AGO March 1, 1928

Grayling had a big surprise last Saturday morning when it awoke to find the mercury had dropped to some thirty below zero.

A special election of the Woman's Club was held to elect a new president for the year '28 and '29, Miss Margaret Hemmingson having resigned. Mrs. Eva Joseph was elected and will take the chair in April.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Legion was entertained at the home of Mrs. Nellie Edwards Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Charles Gothro and Mrs. Victor Smith each took a load of local basketball girls to Boyne City Friday, where they were to play.

Last Saturday morning the weather man simply outdid himself as the mercury dropped out of the thermometers and they would not register any lower than 47 below zero, in Frederic.

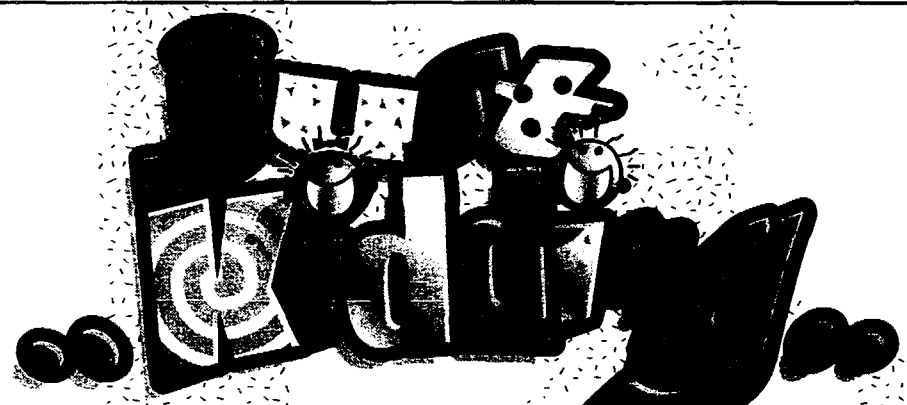
92 YEARS AGO March 2, 1906

William Eyre has discontinued his restaurant business in John Rasmusson's building and Miss Horton has taken possession with her hotel fixtures.

Thomas Woodfield of Jackson, one of our pioneers, dropped in last Saturday. He was on one of his lumber business trips and always stops to visit his brother and old neighbors while in the vicinity.

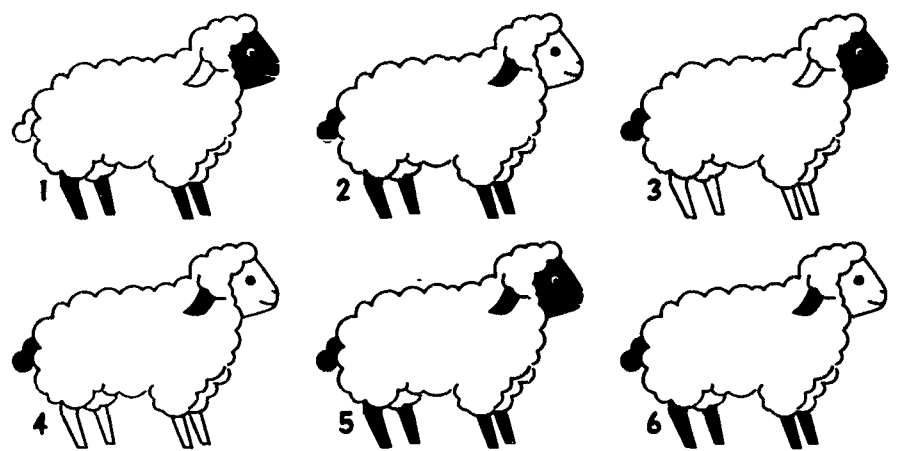
John Malco of Maple Forest was a visitor at our sanctum the last of the week. As usual he is making the snow fly with his lumber operations.

Lee Trumbley was up from Bay City a few days last week taking the place of Fred Harrington in the railroad yards while Fred was knocked out with a cold.



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Melted
2/25	35	26	.02
2/26	47	26	
2/27	47	30	
2/28	40	29	.25
3/1	53	29	
3/2	53	26	
3/3	36	25	.11

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100' FRONTAGE ON THE MANISTEE RIVER Majestic white pines along beautiful Manistee River. 10x50 mobile with roof-over. Excellent view of river. Year-round access with blacktop road frontage. Most contents included. Immediate occupancy. \$42,000 CH-474



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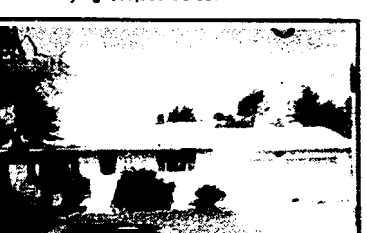
180' AUSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE This beautiful home has approximately 180' of Ausable River frontage and 150' of road frontage, and is a 1 1/2-story with a walk-out basement. Interior has wainscoting, paneling and sheet rock, with Andersen and Acon windows. Kitchen has ceramic tile at entrance, with french doors. Reduced, \$225,000 CS-287



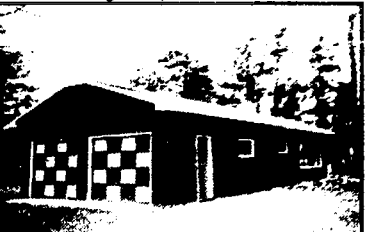
NEW CONSTRUCTION - IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Quality craftsmanship - custom ranch - all built up on a choice wooded parcel with no thru traffic. Great room features vaulted ceilings, island bar downwell onto a 12x20 deck, master bedroom suite, oak cabinets, hot-water base-board heat, covered front porch and driveway with apron. \$98,900 CH-659



BEAUTIFUL WOODED GROUNDS ON 9.85 ACRES WITH 319' ON E. BRANCH AUSABLE RIVER 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths offer 1,232 sq. ft. with gas forced-air heat. 30x32 family sized recreational room with woodstove, charming living room with brick gas-log fireplace, with fantastic view of the Ausable River. Screened porch for outside entertaining. Paneling throughout, acoustic-tile ceilings. Master suite offers private bath with garden tub and shower. 7x9 sauna off recreation room. Appliances include stove and refrigerator. Kitchen offers snack bar. Exterior cedar-shake siding. 2 car detached garage. 4 miles north east of Grayling. \$88,900 CS-687



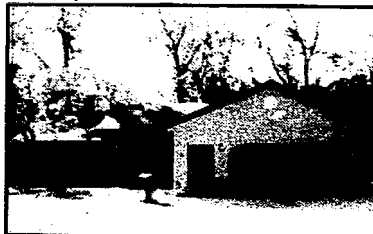
THREE ACRES with additional 6 1/2 acres available. Andersen windows. Blazing woodstove. 12x20 barn. 24x24 garage, private setting. Just listed. \$47,900. Additional acreage at \$8,200 CH-673



QUIET, YOUNG, CONVENIENT NEIGHBORHOOD Three bedrooms, one bath offers 1,080 sq. ft. Walk-out patio door off dining room. Large picture window and free-standing fireplace in living room. Appliances include stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Two-car attached garage. Conveniently located close to schools, town and recreational activities. \$48,500. CS-682



GET-AWAY COTTAGE-PRICED TO SELL! This well maintained 3 bedroom house or cottage features new floor coverings and newly-painted interior throughout. Screened porch and county paved roads. Located between Grayling and Higgins Lake in the heart of recreation. \$39,900 CS-343



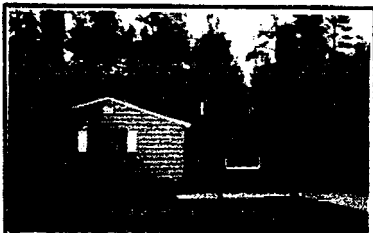
CORNER LOT WITH BEAUTIFUL TREE CORNER This custom-built home is located in Davenport Acres, just minutes from town, close to Ausable River and trail systems. Master bedroom features Jacuzzi, shower, walk-in closets and door wall. Skylite in bath, office or nursery room 7x7, an frosted maple kitchen cabinets. Insulated and heated garage with laundry tub. Concrete driveway, sidewalk and paved streets. \$135,000 Reduced \$129,900 CH-670



FOR THOSE WHO DREAM OF ENCHANTING DELIGHTS... This home is a dream come true! Large master suite offers private bath and walk-in closet. 1,800 sq. ft. with natural gas hot water baseboard heat and gas log woodstove. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Kitchen offers beautiful knotty oak cabinets. Walk-out patio door onto deck. Brick and cedar exterior, attached, finished, heated garage. One acre of beautiful mixed hardwoods. Close to town, but private setting. \$124,000 CS-654



NEW OFFERING Ausable River Mainstream, Corner's Road near McMaster's Bridge. Outstanding views of 385' frontage, custom cedar home featuring 2,305 sq. ft. living area, three bedrooms, two baths (antique bath fixtures), knotty pine T&G vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, screen porch, covered decks, Pella windows, fireplace, Swedish woodburning stove, large dock, very private setting. 2 1/2 car garage, satellite, many quality features. CH-617



ENCHANTING COTTAGE IN THE WOODS One-to-two-bedroom, 1.5 bath offer 820 sq. ft. with gas heat and two woodstoves. Half basement, knotty pine kitchen cabinets. Bedroom offers walk-out patio door into back yard. Secluded setting close to Roscommon. \$42,900. CS-624



MANISTEE RIVERFRONT 3.3 acres backing up to state land. 160' high-bank frontage. Former bed & breakfast, rustic, four bedrooms, two baths, 1,716 sq. ft. living area. Original log construction with recent addition. Brick fireplace, two storage buildings, well-septic-electrical updated. \$155,000. Just listed. Call Craig Hinkle for tour. CH-705

1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES
Large wooded lots, a log home association development. Park, cable, underground utilities, near Ausable River and Kneff Lake. Land contract terms by owner. Contact 517-348-7355, Grayling. 12/29/97tf/1

FOR SALE OR RENT Two-three bedroom, vinyl sided, partial log home. New 4" well, furnace and carpet. Near Ausable River state land. Contact 517-348-7355. 12/4/97tf/1

FOR SALE three bedroom ranch, close to Higgins Lake for \$59,900, 7-2470. Two bedroom cottage in Evergreen Park on Higgins Lake, \$44,900, 7-2469. Call Mike Pung at Coldwell Banker Star RE., 517-821-8585 or 517-348-2835. (-26-5/1)

JUST COMPLETED THREE BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath, two car garage, natural gas heat. Two miles from Grayling. \$85,000. 333 Redwing Terrace. Call 348-2928 or 348-8945. (10/23/98tf/1)

NEWLY BUILT three bedroom, attached garage, 1 1/2 bath, Karen Woods Sub., 6174 Libby. 348-4840. (-26-5/1)

For Sale By Owner 311 Arthur



Newly remodeled, large kitchen with oak cupboards, stove, refrigerator, large living room, three bedrooms, laundry room, two car garage, close to town.

344-2313

3/5/98/1

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HUNTERS, FISHERMEN AND SNOWMOBILERS! 1 room cabin with electricity, heat and water. Built in bunkie, outside john and 20x24 garage with electricity and shower. Close access for the sportsman. \$19,900 (BK-37)



NEW BI-LEVEL HOME on 15 acres. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 garages. Appliances included over 3,400 sq. ft. with a great view overlooking a feeder stream. Lot of wildlife. \$229,000. (DL-108)



NEW LISTING This 1995 manufactured home is ready to move right on in. Comes completely furnished. All you need is dishes & your clothes. Sits on a beautiful wooded lot in Ausable Woods. Close to snowmobile trails & the Ausable River East Branch. \$69,900. (DL-106)



GREAT HUNTING RETREAT! 9.14 acres adjacent to federal land with mobile. Well, septic, roof truss, and generator. (L/C terms. \$32,000) \$29,000 Cash (JW/MP-82)



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AUSABLE WOODS This beautiful new home is ready to move in! It has 1,512 sq. ft., four bedrooms, two full baths, 20 x 22 finished garage. Must see to appreciate. \$112,000 (LM-954)



KAREN WOODS Large wooded lot, close to town. Four-bedroom home with garage and swimming pool. Natural gas hot water heat, close to Lake Margrethe. \$78,500 Reduced \$74,900 (DL-47)



ROY-L-ESTATES is the location of this home or cabin. Features two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, wood heater and a 16x20 garage. Close to Higgins Lake and State Land. \$36,000 Reduced \$32,400 (MC-531)



FAMILY HOME on three acres, three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, wood heater, newer carpet, septic, roof and updating. Garage and workshop, lots of room with over 2,100 sq. ft. \$89,000 Reduced \$83,000 (DL-66)



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1. Real Estate

AUSABLE RIVER home on Wendy Lane. Lovely four bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Chalet, fireplace, attached 1 1/2 car garage, furnished. Beautiful setting on 10 acres with 175 ft. frontage. Owner very anxious. Reduced to \$139,000. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co. P.C. Phone or fax, 517-348-5433, evenings 348-8336. (12/18/97tf/1)

PRICED REDUCED, \$39,500, two bedroom, one bath, vacant, 300 Huron St. (one block from Cornell Insurance on M-72 East), was \$44,500. 348-4055. (11/13/97tf/1)

HUNTING CAMP 10-80 acres w/cabins, can divide. Surrounded by state land, \$14,000-\$112,000. N. Grayling, MI. Financing possible. 616-947-1990. (11/20/97tf/1)

THREE BEDROOM 1 1/2 baths, with deeded Lake Margrethe access, \$79,900. Call State Wide, 1-800-968-7978. (-12-19-26-5/1)

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER in town, low maintenance house. Two bedrooms up, one bedroom down, one bath, kitchen with dining area, full finished basement, den, family room, kitchen. All new appliances, carpet, window treatments. Lots of storage area. For details call 1-616-592-0320. (LR3/12/98/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Private setting, less than one block from Lake Margrethe. Four bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, finished walkout basement, attached garage, large deck, boat house, 200'x125' lot. Adjacent lots available. \$120,000 O.B.O. Call 348-5104. (-5-12/1)

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE Must be moved, \$3,500 or trade. 517-348-8959. (3/5/98tf/1)

THREE BEDROOM 2 1/2 car attached garage, new furnace and roof, on three acres, five miles east of town, \$62,500. 348-7218. (-5/1)

3. Employment

PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE person needed. Must have payroll, accounts payable and computer experience. Grayling area, good benefits. Send resume and salary history to: Attn. P.R., PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-26-5/3)

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IMMEDIATE OPENING available for a daytime busser. Work is full time, no experience required. Excellent benefits. Apply in person at Holiday Inn, 2650 S. I-75 Bus. Loop, Grayling. -5-12/3

Holiday Inn

3. Employment

SURVEY CREW CHIEF needed for busy and growing engineering firm located in Grayling, MI. Require at least 1 to 2 years experience using Total Station for topographic survey and construction staking. AutoCAD and Softdesk software experience a plus or aptitude and willingness to learn. Great benefits. Send resume and cover letter with salary requirements to: Capital Consultants Engineers, Attn: H.R. Coordinator, 123 W. Main Street, Suite 200, P.O. Box 1398, Gaylord, MI 49734 EOE

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3. Employment

FLOOR COVERING INSTALLERS NEEDED for vinyl, hardwood, carpet and ceramic tile. Minimum five years experience, must have own van, tools, workmens comp. Call 517-732-7728 or 517-732-2691. (10/9/97tf/3)

THE CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL District is accepting applications for substitute bus drivers. Applications may be obtained to the Central Office at 403 Michigan Avenue. (-26-5/3)

SECRETARIAL HELP WANTED General practice law firm is seeking personable individual to fill secretarial position. Individual must have strong telephone skills. WordPerfect knowledge helpful. Position is part-time (30 hours) with possibility of full-time. Send resume and cover letter to: PO Box 490 MW, Grayling, MI 49738. Attn. G.S. (-26-5/3)

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2. For Rent**3. Employment**

AVON \$8-\$18/hr., no door-to-door, easy cash, fun. 1-800-736-0168. ind/sls/rep (-5/3)

HELP WANTED Men/women earn \$375 weekly processing/assembling Medical I.D. Cards at home. Immediate openings, your local area. Experience unnecessary, will train. Call Medicaid, 1-541-386-5290, ext. 3469M. (-5/3)

TAKING APPLICATIONS for a friendly person to join our team at Spike's Keg O' Nails. Apply in person. Benefits available. (-5-12/3)

MUNSON HOME HEALTH a rapidly growing home care service has an immediate need for PRN RNs in this area who are available some weekends and can take some call responsibility. These positions require either one year recent acute hospital, rehab or home care experience as an RN. To apply send resume to: Dawn Webber, Munson Home Health, 825 N. Center, Gaylord, MI 49735. (800) 252-2065, Fax (517) 731-2378. (-26-5/3)

EXPERIENCED DEPENDABLE INDIVIDUAL to provide health care and housekeeping duties. References. Call after 6 p.m. leave message, 348-2088. (-26-5/3)

3. Employment

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION
Position: High School Junior Varsity Softball Coach.
Description: Coaching the junior varsity softball team working with 9th and 10th grade girls to develop basic skills in and knowledge of the game of fast pitch softball. Will work directly with and be responsible to the head softball coach. Qualifications: Softball background in playing fast pitch softball and/or active coaching experience. Preference given to those with college experience in coaching or playing fast pitch softball. Salary: According to the terms of the Master Agreement. Apply to: Kent S Reynolds, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable School District, 403 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: March 10, 1998. All New Crawford AuSable School District coaches will be required to attend the MHSAA PACE Workshops. This applies to both staff and non-staff coaches. Crawford AuSable School District Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Statement. (-5/3)

BEAVER CREEK RESORT has openings for permanent and seasonal front desk positions. Work with great staff and enjoy resort privileges! Looking for reliable, up-beat team players. 517-732-2459, 5004 W. Otsego Lake Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735. (-5/3)

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Experience in a credit union or data processing environment preferred, and management or supervisory experience a plus. Some travel required. Please send resume and salary requirements to:

Recruiting Team
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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium is requesting proposals for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

The target population is economically disadvantaged at-risk youth, including high school dropouts, ages 14 to 21 years. At-risk youth should be recruited through the schools.

Eligible proposers are educational agencies, community based organizations, and non-profit entities with demonstrated effectiveness with the named target groups.

Available program dollars are approximately \$476,600 and will be targeted by county as follows:

Alcona	\$38,200
Alpena	\$114,400
Cheboygan	\$81,000
Crawford	\$47,700
Montmorency	\$33,400
Oscoda	\$33,400
Otsego	\$76,000
Presque Isle	\$26,500

Activities to be funded are:

1. Career Exploration for youth ages 14 to 16

Program Purpose: Youth will have an opportunity to investigate various careers.

Activities: Proposed programs should include site visits to businesses and vocational schools, academic remediation, communication skills and values clarification. Performance payments for achievement will be allowed. Innovative activities that enable youth to work effectively in a team approach, to learn ways to solve problems and experience success, to gain confidence and boost self-esteem are encouraged.

Objectives:

- Improvement in employability skills.
- Enhancement of basic skills.
- Improvement in school retention and encouragement of school completion, or enrollment in supplemental or alternative school programs.
- Improvement in academic performance, including mathematics and reading comprehension.
- Enhancement of citizenship skills of youth, as defined in Section 4(33) of The Job Training Partnership Act.

Goals: The program should be outcome-based and enhance youths academic, social and personal management skills.

- To provide youth with the opportunity to explore careers and aid them in choosing related vocational and academic courses.
- To provide youth with the opportunity to increase their knowledge of employability skills and basic life skills.

2. Work Experience or Job Specific Internships for youth ages 16 to 21

Program Purpose: Youth will have the opportunity to enhance future employability through work in the private sector or public or private non-profit sector.

Activities:

- Work experience in the private sector or public or private non-profit sector for a maximum of 35 hours per week at minimum wage.
- Job specific internships in the private sector contingent upon establishing a curriculum, goal, objectives and measurable outcomes.


Goals: Programs should be outcome-based and result in work maturity skills acquisition.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel at 517-733-8548, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49785. Disk copies are available upon request. A Bidder's Conference is to be held Wednesday, March 4, 1998 at 1:30 pm at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, 20709 State Street, Onaway, Michigan. The proposal deadline for submission is Monday, March 16, 1998 at 12 noon, at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered. The proposal may not be faxed.

*An Equal Opportunity Employer. Auxiliary aids and services will be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center 1-800-648-3777 (voice & TDD) -5-12/3

The GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION is taking applications for family three-bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% gross income. Utilities are included in the rent.

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3. Family size appropriate for the apartment size

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6. Wanted

WANTED: someone to remove Oak trees, free for the fire wood. Call 517-925-2171. (-26-5-12/6)

7. Miscellaneous

1975 HONDA 750 FAREING new chain sprockets, runs excellent. \$500. Pager # 517-253-2973. (-5/7)

ADVERTISING DEADLINES: Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 pm Thursday. All other 5 pm Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday. Classified by the word 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

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8. Announcements

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SPIKE'S now has lunch specials. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mon.-Fri. (1/22/98t/8)

COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S for our Friday night fish fry. Just \$5.95 adults, \$3.25 for kids, beginning at 4 p.m. (1/15/98t/8)

WELCOME WAGON HOSTESSES Call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562, or Mary Lou Passmore, 348-5816, if you are a newcomer, engaged or a new mother. (8/3/85t/8)

ENJOY THE FUN with us at Spike's Keg O' Nails. Our first annual At. Patrick's Day celebration. Food and drink specials all day with Kereoke, from 7-12 p.m. (-5/8)

9. Personal

ST. JUDE NOVENA May the sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude worker of miracles pray for us. St. Jude helper of the hopeless pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days and your prayers will be answered by the ninth day. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. TDS/RJS (-5/9)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BERNARDINE. A beautiful 60 years old. Love Chuck. (-5/9)

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Grayling Rotary Club and B.C. Pizza, for their support in the Grayling Middle School and Wrestling Club Tournament. The meet was a huge success because of their donations. Coach Joe Farrigan. (-5/9)

STEVE KIRBY have a Happy 40th Birthday. (5/9)

10. Garage Sales

CRAFT SHOW/BAKE SALE Sponsored by the Grayling American Legion Auxiliary at Grayling Post (back door) on Saturday March 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 517-348-1369 or 348-1228. (-12-19-26-5/10)

INDOOR RUMMAGE AND BAKE sale. Household goods, crafts, clothes, furniture, etc. Saturday, March 14th, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Eagles Club, 602 Huron, Grayling. No early sales. (-5/10)

9. Personal

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A special thank you goes out to all of the following people and organizations for their outstanding support of the Grayling Youth and Middle School Wrestling programs. Because of their help we were able to put on a very successful tournament that involved 320 wrestler's from 16 different schools.

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Jessica Stewart
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10. Garage Sales

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9. Personal

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our days of

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may be familiar with Rev.

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1987, Dodge, Daytona, Red, 97,390 miles, Vin. #1b3ca44kxh149808

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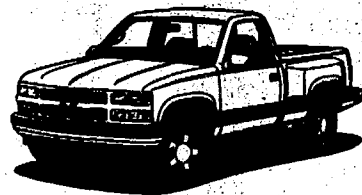
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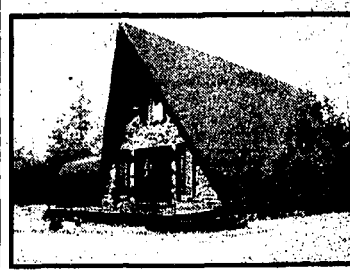


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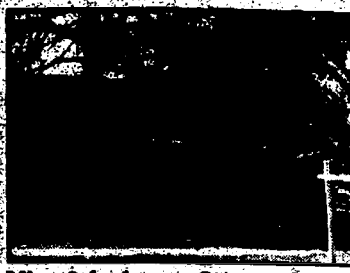
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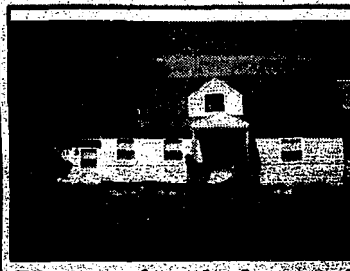
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